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GENERAL REMARKS.

WHILE some notices of the various Districts will be found under each Parish, it may not be thought out of place to preface these with a few observations applicable to the Zetland group of Islands generally.

HISTORY, &c.—Whether Zetland was the “Thule” of the Ancients has been much discussed. The term was, undoubtedly, often applied by them generally, as denoting a distant and unknown hyperborean region. But, without pausing to consider whether, as there seems reason to hold, Zetland was the “Thule” of Pomponius Mela, or Pliny, it does appear that Tacitus, when, in speaking of the Orkneys, he says *dispecta est et “Thule”* (“Thule was seen”)—could only refer to Foula, Fair Isle, or the Mainland of Zetland.

It is natural to suppose that the Zetland Islands would be peopled from Orkney, and Orkney from the mainland of Scotland; but, from whatever stock the original inhabitants of Zetland were derived, the few remains of antiquity that are extant there, and its present inhabitants, in aspect, character, and language, all alike denote a Scandinavian and Norwegian origin. The hardy Northman who, in the ninth and tenth centuries, launched his adventurous bark on the Northern Ocean—like the voluntary exile of modern times, uncaring what lands it bore him to, so not again to his own—found in Zetland the nearest, if not the most attractive land. We know that, previous to the expedition of Harold, Orkney and Zetland had been, to some extent, occupied by Norwegian settlers, and that, in the end of the ninth or beginning of the

tenth centuries, those Islands, along with more important southern lands, had been subjected to Norwegian sway. Orkney and Zetland so remained until, in the year 1468, they were pledged by Denmark to the Scottish Crown—Orkney in security of 50,000 of the 60,000 florins fixed as the dowry of the Princess of Denmark, who became Queen of James III.—and Zetland afterwards, in security of 8,000 of the 10,000 florins that were to have been sent over along with the Queen, but could not to a greater amount than 2,000 be raised. It is certain that the right of redemption, however it may be held to have been practically departed from, and to be now lost, was long asserted, and has never been expressly discharged. Those who may wish to investigate the point will find many of the authorities collected in a Note (1) to the reprint, made in 1836, of “Mackenzie’s Grievances.” After these Islands became subject to the Crown of Scotland, in spite of repeated annexations to the Crown bearing to be perpetual, and declaring them to be inalienable, they were granted to a succession of unworthy favourites, sometimes Laymen and sometimes Ecclesiastics. Although the free Udal right of property, and the simple ancient Norwegian laws had been expressly reserved to the inhabitants by Denmark, and, indeed, secured by Statute of the Scottish Parliament, the former were displaced by the feudal tenure and its taxations—the latter were superseded by the laws of Scotland, or, rather, by the arbitrary will of rapacious and tyrannical Crown Donatories—the scene of whose oppressions was too distant and inconsiderable to allow their conduct to be in any way controlled by the slight check afforded by the occasional exercise, sometimes made on behalf of the oppressed, of the Royal Prerogatives. One of these Donatories, Patrick Earl of Orkney, was brought to justice, and suffered the penalty due to his crimes. The Earldom was, after Earl Patrick’s death, of new annexed to the Crown, but speedily became again the subject of grants to various parties—the last being a grant to Lord Morton, in the year 1707, in the form of a Wadset, redeemable on payment of £30,000. This right of redemption was discharged by an Act of the

British Parliament, in the year 1742, on the implied undertaking by Lord Morton (never fulfilled), that he would drain and make useful large tracts of marshes, and otherwise improve the Islands, particularly the fishings. Lord Morton sold his rights, in the year 1766, to the ancestor of the present Lord Zetland, for £60,000. The inhabitants, instead of reaping the benefits contemplated by the Statute of 1742 to be conferred on them, have had to combat the most oppressive claims put forward by Lord Morton and his successor, and have been finally subjected, not only in the original taxations due to Norway, but to the numerous duties and services, which priestly and feudal avarice, supported by arbitrary and uncontrolled power, had imposed—all afterwards enormously increased by fraudulent augmentations of the measures by which the imposts, payable in kind, were exacted. Those who feel an interest in this subject may consult “Mackenzie’s Grievances,” and Notes 2 and 5 of the edition already referred to; and, above all, the “Oppressions of Orkney and Zetland,” a recent contribution to the Abbotsford and Maitland Clubs, by Mr. Balfour of Trenabie—a work which, whether as regards learned research, felicity and eloquence of language, or the boldness with which it sets forth the truth, is worthy of its patriotic author, and would entitle him, if he had not otherwise secured it, to the respect of all belonging to the Islands.

POSITION, DIVISION, &c. &c.—The extreme south point of the mainland is in lat. $59^{\circ} 51'$ north, and $1^{\circ} 15'$ west longitude, or thereby. The extreme north point of the group—Hermaness in Unst—in lat. $60^{\circ} 50'$ north. The town of Lerwick is about 200 miles north and east of Aberdeen, and 170 west of Bergen, in Norway. The group consists of more than one hundred Islands—large and small—of which, including Fair Isle and Foula, about twenty-three are presently inhabited. The most considerable inhabited Islands, in addition to the mainland, are, in their order—Yell, Unst, and Fetlar—which constitute the northern group; Whalsay, Skerries, and Bressay—to the east of the mainland; and Fair

Isle, Foula, Burra, Papa-Stour, and Muckle Roe, on the south and west of the mainland. Fair Isle, situated half-way between Orkney and Zetland, belongs parochially to the parish of Dunrossness, in Zetland; but it has long been owned by an Orkney proprietor, and has been thus also long more connected with Orkney than Zetland. It is noted as having been the spot on which the ship of the Commander-in-chief of the Spanish Armada, the Duke of Midonia Sidonia, was wrecked. He passed from thence to Dunrossness; and was, after a time, conveyed by the then Laird of Quendale to Dunkark. Were there any doubt of the fact, evidence of intercourse with Spaniards would be found in the curious fact, that the patterns of Fair Island hosiery are those that may be seen in Andalusia at this day.

The aspect of the Zetland group is hilly. There are few, and no extensive, tracts of level land; and the cultivated portions are chiefly along the sea coasts, more especially along the inland voes or lochs with which the mainland is intersected. None of the hills rise to a great height; and, with a few exceptions, they cannot be said to be picturesque. The interior of the mainland, and of Yell, mainly consists of deep beds of moss, much broken into deep ravines by the action of water, thickly studded by fresh water lochs. It is in the boldness of their rocky scenery that these Islands interest the stranger. "The Islands," says a native author (Dr. A. Edmondston), "present many scenes partaking both of the tranquil and the wild—rocks of immense size standing in the sea, and in some places at a distance from land—some perforated by magnificent arches of great magnitude and regularity—others with subterranean recesses—some cleft in two nearly to the bottom—others with sharp points—exhibiting an endless variety and form of appearance."

The Islands are divided into twelve ministries, but there are fourteen clergymen—two districts having been supplied with clergymen under the Statute of 1824. Though there are thus only twelve parochial clergymen, there are no less than twenty-one churches, without taking into account Skerries,

Foula, or Fair Isle, in each of which there are churches. Some clergymen have three, and others four different places to preach at; and the burden of maintaining so many buildings, in a poor district and wearing climate, is very heavy. Modern legislation—in establishing general systems for the support of the poor, the maintenance of prisons, registration of births, &c.—has also dealt hardly with such districts, where population is in an inverse ratio to the ability of the district to support such heavy assessments as are necessary to keep up systems proper to a rich and highly civilized community, ruthlessly extended to a district populous and poor. There are, of course, only twelve parochial schools—a supply quite inadequate for a population thinly scattered over a vast space, which may be practically said to be destitute of roads, and separated from each other by moors, sounds, or voes. The almost necessary scarcity of parochial schools is, to a considerable extent, supplied by schools supported by the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, and the General Assembly's Education Committee. As regards the mere elements of education—reading and writing—the inhabitants rank, according to statistical returns, above the average of Scotland.

The **CLIMATE** is, on the whole, mild and healthy—though moist and variable; and, surrounded by the sea on all sides, rarely presents great extremes of temperature. The prevailing winds are from the south and south west; and when the coast was unprotected by lighthouses, though in many parts abounding with excellent natural harbours, it was to a stranger mariner a very dangerous one. Within these few years, four excellent lighthouses have been erected; and, were a fifth placed on the west, towards the entrance of St. Magnus Bay, the coast would be well lighted.

It is said by a gentleman (Dr. Lawrence Edmondston), whose profession and talent alike entitle him to authority, that the prevailing diseases are cattarrh, rheumatism, and dyspepsia; that continued fever frequently occurs; that acute inflammations and cutaneous diseases have diminished—probably owing to a change in diet—while fewer individuals die in infancy than in most other countries.

The climate appears to offer no barrier to the successful cultivation of ordinary grains, proper to a northern and exposed district. Oats and barley, in ordinary seasons, even under the very imperfect system of agriculture generally pursued, thrive well; and turnips can be every where cultivated most successfully. All the ordinary garden roots grow extremely well; and currants, strawberries, and raspberries, can be reared to any extent, and of excellent quality. The gooseberry also grows well, but does not always ripen. Apples grow against the wall, and often to a good size, but never ripen.

Though wood is often found in certain mosses, betokening that it once grew in Shetland, it seems always to have been of a dwarfish size. A few slender native rowans and dwarf mountain ash still exist, or at least lately existed, on a secluded spot on Ronas Hill, and in one or two other spots. In gardens, and under the shelter of walls, the ash, the sycamore, and some other species of trees, attain an altitude generally co-equal with the height of the protecting wall or house. The willow, however, thrives; and advantage could be taken of it to give a clothed and improved aspect to many places now bare.

Until within these few years, Zetland may have been said to have been practically destitute of roads—the only roads being very inferior ones, extending from Lerwick to Tingwall and Scalloway. In the scarcity that arose in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, consequent on the potatoe disease in 1846, large subscriptions were raised to assist the necessitous; and luckily, instead of the gratuitous distribution that in former like seasons of destitution had been made, and which had tended to demoralize the population, and to abate their sense of self-reliance, the charge of relieving was devolved on competent and intelligent men, and a proper test of necessity was instituted. Labour was exacted for the food distributed. The proprietors came forward and met the contributions of the benevolent with a greater or less proportion of funds—Government gave the assistance of an officer and party of non-

commissioned officers of the Royal Engineers—surveys were made—and under the direction of competent superintendents, main lines of road were constructed from Lerwick to Dunrossness, on the south; to Vaila Sound and Hillswick, on the west; and to Mossbank and Lunna, on the north. A road from Burravoe to Cullivoe was also formed in Yell. Thus roads, extending in all to 117 miles, were formed; and considering the economical way in which they were necessarily constructed, and the want of any efficient means of maintaining them, have stood uncommonly well. The names of Admiral R. Craigie, R.N., and Major Th. Webb, R.E., will long be kindly and gratefully remembered in Zetland. It is to be hoped that the Road Bill now before Parliament will supply a ready means of keeping up the roads that exist, and of extending them—a matter in which the improvement of the Islands is deeply concerned—and a result which all intelligent men interested in the district are necessarily anxious to see secured.

There is a weekly mail between Aberdeen and Lerwick, conveyed by a steamer—leaving Aberdeen on Friday, and Lerwick on Monday evening. There is a post twice a-week between Lerwick and all country districts, except to Dunrossness, which is still only once a-week.

The population of the Islands, according to the census of 1851, was 31,080—13,145 males, and 17,935 females. From the greater number of males than females that leave the Islands, and the casualties incident to a seafaring life, the number of females may always, in Zetland, be expected, in more than an usual degree, to exceed the males. Still, it is undoubted that, from the circumstance of the numeration being taken in April, when a great number of males have shipped for the Greenland and Faroe fishings, and left Zetland to seek general employment for the season in the south (to the amount probably of not less than 2,000), the census returns, as regards Zetland, give an incorrect view of the number of males; and that, were the enumeration made in January, the number of males in Zetland would be found not

less, it is believed, than to the above amount greater than what is shown by the census returns.

As already noticed, the inhabitants present in their general aspect, character, and speech, the characteristics of their Scandinavian ancestors. They are a quiet, sober, and peaceable people ; but when they collect in numbers, are easily excited. They are not difficult to lead by persuasion ; but revolt against, and are disposed to resist, all compelled submission. The men are generally, like most fishermen, much given to the use of tobacco ; the women are extremely fond of tea.

INDUSTRY, &c.—The nature of the surface forbids the rearing up generally of large grain farms. The late Messrs. Mouat in Bressay, and Hay in Tingwall, and Mr. Bruce of Symbister, all set examples in farming which have not altogether been lost ; and several farms of very considerable size now exist. The mass of the population are, however, fishermen or seamen, and their habits and their power of managing more than a small portion of land are adverse to agricultural improvements. Draining in Zetland, the preliminary to improvement, is, as regards the mass of tenantry, unknown. The run-rig system, still so generally prevalent, and the small extent of arable land held by each, and necessitating, as they work their farms, the labouring of it year after year—a system the evils of which they try to modify by the yearly carrying on of new earth—all militate against improvement. Were attention to be paid to even rough surface draining—were the grass lands to be cultivated, so as to allow of a portion of fallow—not only would the productiveness of the land be increased, but the system of introducing new earth (most laborious to the tenant, and most destructive to the surface of the lands from which the earth is taken), might be dispensed with. Still, apart from the hazard of their callings, the Zetland fisherman and farmer with his labouring of a few acres of arable ground—his rights of pasture allowing him to keep as many cattle as he can provide winter provender for, and as many ponies and sheep as he is able to rear and to care—is, on the whole, perhaps, as secure against privations as the lower orders of any district.

The ancient language of the Islands was Norwegian ; but, though numerous words more especially connected with the fishery are still in use, for the last seventy years none have been able to speak the Norse, and English is the universal and only language known. There thus exists no barrier against the Zetlanders gradually dropping off to seek employment elsewhere, as inclination or necessity may dictate—a circumstance which counteracts, to some extent, the tendency to undue increase of population.

It is to be regretted that, on several large properties, the old practice of taking the tenant bound to fish to the landlord, who becomes practically a fish-curer, is still kept up. Until the tenant is left to make the most of his labour, he cannot be expected to apply his energies, with earnestness, to the improvement of his condition. The system has, no doubt, some recommendations—the landlord, in such case, being in a manner bound to support his tenantry in seasons of scarcity. Still, it is at variance with the true system of self-dependence, teaching every man to rely on his own exertions. On large properties, where the tenant has been left to turn his labour and energies to what account he chose, there appears to be springing up more earnestness, exemplified in a desire to obtain assured possession, by lease, of their lands. At the best, however, men who pursue the sea as a calling, and look to it as their main source of support, cannot be expected to become good farmers.

While, generally speaking, all men are fishermen, great numbers leave Zetland every spring to obtain employment during the busy season for shipping in the south, returning to their families when, in late autumn, the demand for seamen, to some extent, ceases. Numbers also ship for the season on board the vessels for Greenland and Davis' Straits that touch at Zetland for a supply of men. The Navy was once popular, and there is said to have been at one period nearly a sixth of the gross male population in that service. The system of impressment so recklessly, though perhaps necessarily, followed, had the effect of disgusting the men, and, for a long period,

the Navy has been very unpopular. The authorities take no pains to induce volunteering. They send down, for the purpose of seeking seamen, some tender or sloop of war, that looks very paltry in the eyes of the Zetland youngster, familiar with the sight of dashing French and Danish frigates.

FISHERIES.—The staple fishery, which is carried on at certain stations from the middle or end of May to the end of July, is that of ling. It is carried on at a distance of from fifteen to forty miles from the land, and in boats imported in boards from Norway, of a light construction, suited for pulling, and rigged with a single, lug, or square sail. They are extremely buoyant, and live in a sea which they appear little calculated to brave.

Of late years the cod fishing, which had failed on the coast of Zetland, has been extensively and successfully carried on by vessels from Zetland, on the coast of Faroe. This season no fewer than forty-five vessels from Zetland are engaged in it, each, on an average, employing ten men.

The herring fishing, which has always been occasionally followed in Zetland, only began to be entered into with spirit some thirty-five years ago. Large boats of the class on the Scotch coast were introduced—a large capital was embarked; and, in the year 1834, the fishing was extremely successful. This success led to an extension which was not justified by future success—a succession of bad fishings followed—a capital had been invested in the speculation beyond the ability of the district to lose, or even to allow to remain unproductive; and the consequence was, great and ruinous loss to all who had engaged in it. It is still pursued, more or less, in several districts, but on a humbler scale, and chiefly in the same boats in which they follow the ling fishing, and with a smaller number of nets—the capital required and the risk run being thus greatly diminished.

In the extreme south of the country, in the parish of Dunrossness, large quantities of saithe, the full grown *gadus carbonarius* (which, in the fry state, under the name of sillock; and as year olds, under the name of piltock—appear yearly in

large quantities around the coast) are caught and cured. The saithe is caught with hand-lines, and from requiring such simple tackle, and being caught near the land, form a very profitable branch of fishing.

The only other branch of industry, of the nature of manufactures now carried on in Shetland, is that of the knitting of hosiery. The softness of the wool of the native sheep, and their variety of colours, have long led to a considerable export of hosiery. Not only stockings and gloves and underclothing, of great fineness, but shawls, scarfs, and vails are largely manufactured and exported. All are made by wire and by hand.

The exports consist of fish, oil, ponies, cattle, sheep, and hosiery; and the various other articles which the means of easy intercourse with other places cause to be sought after, and render capable of being turned to account—among which may be mentioned large quantities of eggs, and, as exemplifying the advantages of steam communication, hundreds of tons yearly of periwinkles for the London market.

ZOOLOGY.—This does not offer much room for observation. The native pony is remarked for the extreme smallness of its size, its hardy nature, and the age to which it lives. No care used to be taken to improve the breed—nay, only those were preserved entire for the purpose of perpetuating it, that gave no promise of being marketable. The facility of transport has increased the demand; and greater care, it is believed, is now taken in this respect. Of late years, and since the labour of women and children has been prohibited in the collieries, a large demand has sprung up for ponies for underground haulage in the north of England.

The native cow is also of very small size; but is said, by distinguished breeders, to have many of the best points of the most choice cattle. Nothing can surpass the beef of a native, but not young, cow or ox fed in a grazing island for two or three years.

The native sheep has been long noted for the extreme softness of its wool, and for the variety of their colours—white,

grey, black, speckled, and brown, are the prevailing colours. The fineness of the wool of the Shetland sheep attracted the attention of the Highland Society, so far back as the year 1790; and a report by a Committee, containing various suggestions directed to the preservation and continuance of the breed, was then published. It is to the extreme softness of the wool, and to the fact of the colours being natural, that Shetland hosiery has come to be so much in repute.

Like the other domestic animals in many parts of Shetland, the native has been crossed with, or superseded by, other breeds.

The other native domestic animals require no notice. The swine is said to be about the worst and most unprofitable—as undoubtedly it is one of the most offensive and ugly of the genus. And the like may be said of the native mongrel dog.

Of wild native animals, the numbers are few—the rabbit, the field mouse, and the weasel, complete the catalogue. The hare was some years ago introduced, but does not seem to multiply fast; and the rat has been long known in Lerwick, landed from vessels, but does not spread over the Island.

The otter and the seal are the only *amphibia* that habitually frequent the coast; the otter, partaking as it does of many of the habits of the sea and fresh water otter of the mainland of Scotland, might repay observation—with the view of ascertaining how far it is a variety, or whether only the common sea otter with habits modified by the circumstances in which it has been placed.

Both the common and the great seal are to be found in Zetland—the latter chiefly frequenting retired places, such as the back of Ronas Hill and the Vaeskerries. The seal, like the deer, is very acute in smell and hearing; and, when on shore, the sportsman must not only approach under cover, but against the wind. In the water they are comparatively bold.

The walrus and Greenland seal are occasionally seen on the coast; and a narwal or sea unicorn, has also been taken in Zetland. Sharks, chiefly the basking and blue shark,

are not uncommon; and a great variety of whales are also occasionally seen. The species, however, alone requiring to be noticed here, is the ca-ving whale of Zetland, the *delphinus deductor* of Scoresby. They seldom exceed twenty-two feet in length, and are sometimes driven on shore in great numbers. In a judicial proof, taken in the year 1837, it was proved that between the years 1800 and 1833, about twelve thousand had been stranded. Since then, a shoal of no less than one thousand five hundred has been stranded at Dunrossness.

The Zetland Islands generally exhibit the same land and sea birds, migratory or resident, to be found on the northern sea board of the mainland of Scotland, with the exception of grouse and partridges. Though occasional attempts have been made to introduce grouse, such have not succeeded. The snipe, plover, various varieties of wild duck, and the wild pigeon, are the only birds that tempt a sportsman. The great horned owl used to breed in Unst, and almost all varieties of the owl are occasionally seen in Zetland.

There are a considerable variety of sea fowl. The skua-gull or bounxie was to be found, until recently, in Unst, Ronas Hill, and Foula, but they have been within the last few years extirpated by the reckless greed of professional bird collectors from the south. The great and white gull, *larus marinus*, is a very noble bird. It generally, in the breeding season, takes possession of holm or rock, and prevents the approach of other birds—even the eagle. The eider duck is frequently seen on the coasts in the beginning of summer, and used to be constantly found in the Vaeskerries. The wild swan passes northward in April in great numbers; and again southward in October—often resting for days on the lochs or voes, apparently exhausted and in need of rest. A few have been known to winter.

The shell fish are those usually found on the mainland of Scotland, including the oyster, which is found in several localities, and perhaps exists in many more.

Those who desire information as to the Geology of Zetland,

may consult *Low's Fauna Orcadensis*, *Edmondston's History*, *Mr. T. Edmondston's Flora*, and *Dunn's Ornithological Guide*. Many interesting papers, especially on the Ornithology of Zetland, by Dr. L. Edmondston, will be found in Jameson's journal, above referred to, and in the Transactions of the Wernerian Natural History Society. It may be remarked that while the Islands do not appear to afford a rich field to the botanist, they are said to offer such for those who are curious in the study of many of the marine plants.

GEOLOGY & MINERALOGY.—The Zetland Islands almost wholly belong to the primitive formation. Granitic rock, gneiss, mica slate, claystone, limestone, and serpentine, are the prevailing rocks. Secondary sandstone occurs along the east coast from Sumburgh Head to Lerwick; and, in some places, as at Noss, it is superimposed to other rocks. In Bressay, of late years, certain fossils have been detected in the strata. Copper was attempted to be wrought near Sandlodge, in Dunrossness, but was soon given up. The working is said to have been injudiciously conducted. Copper is also said to exist in Fair Isle. The only mineral, however, that has ever been wrought to advantage in Shetland, is the chromate of iron, contained in the serpentine of Unst, to which attention was first called by Dr. Hibbert, and which has proved of great pecuniary advantage to the proprietors of that Island. For further information, as to the Geology and Mineralogy of Shetland, see *Jameson's Tour*, *Dr. Traill's Observations appended to Neill's Tour*; and see, also, Papers by Fleming and Hibbert in *Jameson's Philosophical Journal*; Dr. Fleming's remarks appended to *Sheriff's Report*; but above all, the elaborate work of *Dr. Hibbert* on the Geology of the Islands, ought to be consulted by those desirous to avail themselves of the rare field for the study of Geology and Mineralogy which the Islands are said to afford.

ANTIQUITIES.—The monuments of Antiquity which the Islands present to observation are not numerous. Few of those underground buildings, which are common in some parts of Orkney, and which are described by Dr. Barry, and

have been recently so well illustrated by Mr. Thomas, of the Royal Navy, exist in Zetland. Such are said to have been found in Bressay; and one certainly exists in the parish of Sandsting, though it has not been properly examined. On the other hand, there are still in Zetland the remains of many of the buildings called burghs, and ascribed in Zetland to the Picts. The traces of many have been obliterated by the materials having been taken for building; but the remains still known show that they were once numerous. They occupy, with rare exceptions (of which the burgh of Mousa after noticed is one), a like position—a small island or point projecting into a loch or the sea; in the former position connected with the shore by a causeway. They appear to have been generally of one construction—a round tower consisting of two concentric walls, between which appear to have been the dwelling-places, and an open centre, formed of rough stones, selected with care, and laid in regular and compact courses, but without cement. In some instances they appear to have had some outer defences. Tradition says that they were arranged so that one was always in sight of another, and that thus a signal could be passed to all. The burgh of *Mousa*, in the island of Mousa, is believed to be the most entire specimen of this class of buildings in the British Islands—perhaps in the world. It must be of great antiquity—having been historically noticed as existing in the eleventh century; while, in the beginning of the thirteenth century, it successfully stood a siege. We would refer farther to *Torfaeus* (edition 1697), page 131; the local histories—especially *Hibbert's*. This burgh was visited by *Sir Walter Scott*—vide *Lockhart's Life*, vol. iii. page 167—and is the subject of notes by Sir Walter to the *Pirate* (edition 1831), vol. ii. page 121—and *Ivanhoe* (same edition) vol. ii. page 335.

There are, in various places, circles of stones, denoting the seat of the ancient *Lawtings*; and, in others, rude upright standing stones, altogether undressed, and on none of which, as hitherto observed, have there been any attempts at sculpture. Some have been overthrown during the present gene-

ration. As regards few, if any of them, are any traditions extant of the objects for which they were set up. We may refer the curious as to the ancient Lawtings to a very learned paper, by *Hibbert*, on the *Things* of Orkney and Shetland, in the *Antiquarian Transactions*, vol. iii., pages 103 to 211. Stone hatchets and knives have been found in great numbers from time to time, but, unfortunately, no collection of them has been formed. Some years ago, a gentleman in Lerwick had an extensive collection, which would have formed a splendid gift to the British Museum, or which would, it is not doubted, have been gladly purchased for that Institution; but it is understood to have been dispersed by his gratifying the cupidity now of one, now of another, stranger. Stone lamps and vessels of various descriptions have been occasionally found, bespeaking a rude and distant age of stone. Tumuli, consisting of overgrown cairns of stones that had been subjected to the action of fire, are not unfrequent. Sepulchral urns have also, in various instances, been found—the urn generally protected by a rude case of six or more flat stones.

The only two sculptured stones hitherto noticed in Zetland, are in Bressay and Sanness. They will be found pictured in the *Sculptured Stones of Scotland*, published by the *Spalding Club*, plates 94, 95, and 138. One stone, with a runic inscription, existed at Cross Kirk, in Northmaving. It will be found pictured in *Hibbert*, plate 6.

The remains of numerous popish chapels attest the great zeal with which those of that faith, of a later day, spread their doctrines; and many of these are still visited by the inhabitants with superstitious reverence.

Part First.



LERWICK.



PARISH OF LERWICK & GULBERWICK.

THIS Parish is rugged and bleak in its outline, as any other in the County. In length it extends about six miles, north and south, and nowhere exceeds one in breadth. The highest hill it contains does not much exceed three hundred feet above the sea level.

In Agriculture, the field for advancement is very limited—rock and moss occupying its almost entire extent; and it is only by persevering labour and great outlay that such grounds as have been brought under cultivation of late years are rendered productive—which they are, to a considerable extent, in favourable seasons. The old rental lands amount to 256 merks, as they are called; the value of which, in 1855, was £351—the average rent-charge per merk being £1 7s. 5½d. In the same year, the total rents and values were £4480 for the entire Parish; while, for 1860-61, these amount to £5065 15s. 11½d. The total number of landholders is thirty-three, and of all heritors, one hundred and thirty-eight.

The Population in 1851 was, of males, 1351; females, 2039—combined, 3390; and it is supposed not much to exceed that now, seeing that very few houses have been built within the bounds since then. The number of births, deaths, and marriages, in 1860, were 105, 53, and 35 respectively.

The Town of Lerwick, a Burgh of Barony, is built upon a part of the Common, or ancient “Scattald” of “Sound”—the original and chief inhabited place, it is believed—and stands opposite to the Island of Bressay, extending along shore for about half-a-mile, in a semicircular form, S.E. and N.W. of general line. Several of the houses (nearly four

hundred and fifty in all), are built with their gables towards and into the sea. Fort Charlotte, one of the famous Oliver Cromwell's memorials, it is understood, and which contains the Court-rooms and Prison, is situated at the north end of the "Capital." The principal street extends through the length of the Town, and is called "Commercial Street"—which is intersected by a number of lanes terminating at the "Hillhead" southward, and by piers into the Harbour, north and eastward. It has been much improved by paving and cleaning of late years, and more recently by gas-light, which, in the shops, has enlivened the Town, and dispelled the dangerous darkness which formerly enveloped it after sunset.

In Public Buildings, the Town is not altogether deficient, although much need not be said of them. The Fort, County Buildings or Old Tolbooth, Subscription Rooms, Original Kirk, Established Church, Free Church, United Presbyterian Church, Independent Chapel, and Methodist Chapel, with the Parochial School, seem to be all. It may be added, that a handsome and very costly Established Church Manse has of late years been erected.

The Harbour of Bressay Sound, which bounds Lerwick to the eastward, is one of the largest and most sheltered in the kingdom—two thousand Dutch fishing-vessels are said to have been in at one time—and of late has been rendered accessible to vessels from the southward, in the darkest nights, by the erection of a Lighthouse on the south-west headland of Bressay, called Kirkabisterness. A powerful and cheering light it gives in a moonless night, and the building is well worth a visit.

The next and most important public improvement required for the Town—and, indeed, for the County, to some extent—is that of a substantial Quay for vessels to load and discharge cargoes at, as well as for the comfort of passengers. Were two or three of our leading men to take the matter up, it would soon be "an accomplished fact."

Officers of Law.

<i>Sheriff, Commissary, and Vice-Admiral for the</i>	}	William E. Aytoun.
<i>County of Orkney and Zetland,</i>		
<i>Sheriff-Substitute, &c., for Zetland,</i>		Robert Bell, Advocate.
<i>Sheriff Clerk,</i>		George Smith, S.S.C. Office.
County Buildings, 34, Commercial Street.		
<i>Procurator-Fiscal,</i>		Charles G. Duncan.
<i>Registrar of Sasines,</i>		Do.
<i>Sheriff Clerk Depute,</i>		John Manson.
<i>Auditor,</i>		G. Smith.
<i>Bar Officer,</i>		Peter Williamson.
Courts held at Twelve o'clock ever Thursday, Fort Charlotte.		

Procurators of Sheriff Court and Law Agents.

William Sievwright,		<i>Notary Public.</i>
Robert N. Spence,		<i>Do.</i>
Samuel Henry,		<i>Commissary Clerk.</i>
Charles G. Duncan.		

Magistrates, &c. of Baillie Court.

Courts held as occasion requires.

Charles G. Duncan,		<i>Chief Magistrate.</i>
George H. B. Hay,		<i>Junior Baillie.</i>
George Christie,		<i>Procurator-Fiscal.</i>

Town Councillors.

John Robertson, Sen.	George R. Tait.
Robert Hicks.	Peter Garrioch.
Doctor Cowie.	John Robertson, Jun.
Robert Linklater.	Laurence Laurenson.

(*Six a Quorum.*)

Samuel Henry,		<i>Town Clerk.</i>
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Commissioners of Police.

Baillie Duncan.	Hugh Linklater.
Baillie Hay.	James Goudie.
Robert Linklater.	Doctor Cowie.

Commissioners of Police—*Continued.*

Thomas Gilbertson.	George R. Tait.
W. B. Tulloch.	John Robertson, Jun.
Peter Garrioch.	Robert Hicks.
Arthur Laurenson.	S. Henry, <i>Clerk.</i>

Police Officers for County and Burgh.

George Christie,	<i>Superintendent.</i>
William Brims,	<i>Constable.</i>

Police Assessment, at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ Cent., on £4,069 11s. 6d. = £203 9s. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

Keeper of Weights and Measures.

Robert Davidson.

It is thought that there should be an *annual test* of all Weights and Measures over the County.

Clergymen, &c.

Rev. Alex. R. Saunders, Established Church Minister, Maunse.

Kirk Session.

Moderator, Rev. A. R. Saunders.

Elders.

Robert Bell, Esq.	Mr. Fleming Laurenson.
Joseph Leask, Esq.	„ Robert Davidson.
Mr. Thomas Jamieson.	„ Thomas Strong.
<i>Session Clerk and Registrar,</i> . . .	Charles Merrylees.
<i>Officer,</i>	William Isbister.

Dissenting Clergymen.

Rev. Daniel Fraser, Free Church Minister,	Law Lane.
„ Andrew M'Farlane, United Presbyterian Minister,	} Mounthooly Street.
„ John T. Duncan, Wesleyan Minister,		Mission House.
„ John Macinven, Congregational Minister,	Twagoes.

Schoolmasters, &c.

James Hunter, Parochial Teacher,	Schoolhouse.
John Arthur, Society Teacher,	Queen's Lane.

Female Teachers.

Misses Duncan,	Greenfield Cottage.
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Lerwick Instruction Society,

(Instituted in 1855),

For the Gratuitous Education of the Poor Children of the Town
and Neighbourhood.

<i>President</i> ,	Mr. John Kennedy.
<i>Vice-President</i> ,	„ John Tait.
<i>Superintendent</i> ,	„ John Harrison.
<i>Assistant Superintendent</i> ,	„ William Sievwright, Jun.
<i>Secretary</i> ,	„ Arthur Laurenson.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i> ,	„ Andrew B. Jamieson.
<i>Treasurer</i> ,	„ Charles Robertson.

Upwards of two hundred Children, &c. attend annually.

The pecuniary aid of the benevolent, together with donations of Clothing and Books, could, in but few other places in the kingdom, it is believed, be better bestowed than in promoting the objects of this meritorious Society.

Sabbath Schools.

PARISH CHURCH—

<i>Superintendent</i> , - - -	Rev. Alex. Saunders.
<i>Assistant Superintendent</i> , - - -	Mr. W. Sievwright, Jun.

Number of Teachers, - - - Male, 13 ; Female, 17—Total, 30.
Number of Children, &c. taught, 270.

FREE CHURCH—

<i>Superintendent</i> , - - -	Rev. D. Fraser.
<i>Assistant Superintendent</i> , - - -	Mr. John R. Arthur.

Number of Teachers, - - - Male, 5 ; Female, 6—Total, 11.
Number of Children, &c. taught, 70.

Sabbath Schools—*Continued.*

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—

Superintendent, - - - Rev. A. M'Farlane.

Number of Teachers, - - - Male, 6 ; Female, 7—Total, 13.

Number of Children, &c. taught, 91.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—

Superintendent, - - - Mr. Samuel Henry.

Number of Teachers, - - - Male, 10 ; Female, 4—Total, 14.

Number of Children, &c. taught, 80.

This community distribute upwards of eighty Periodicals monthly.

WESLEYAN SOCIETY—

Superintendent, - - - Mr. Robert Hicks.

Number of Teachers, - - - Male, 7 ; Female, 8—Total, 15.

No. of Children, &c. taught—Males, 50 ; Females, 86—Total, 136.

It is almost needless to observe, that the object of those Schools is of the utmost importance—that the benefits actually conferred upon the Pupils are more or less manifest—that the resolute perseverance of the Promoters, Superintendents, and Office-Bearers is most creditable—and that one and all deserve every countenance and support from the wealthy, as well as from the respective congregations, and great body of the people.

Lerwick Mechanics' Institution, and Young Men's
Mutual Improvement Society.

Mr. Neil Jamieson, - - - *President.*

,, Ross Smith, - - - *Secretary.*

,, Laurence G. Stove, - - *Treasurer.*

This newly-formed Institution numbers about thirty Members, and is likely to increase. They hold their Meetings in the Court-Room ; and some Gentlemen have delivered gratuitous Lectures on various subjects.

Museum.

This long spoken of subject begins at length to assume "a local habitation and a name"—a Committee being at work as to the *modus operandi* towards a successful issue.

Lerwick Gas Light Company.

(Established 1854.)

Directors.

Mr. Sievwright.	Mr. Goudie.
„ Leask.	„ Robertson.
„ G. H. B. Hay.	„ G. R. Tait.
Mr. Hicks.	

Auditors, - - Messrs. P. Garrioch and J. Robertson, Jun.
Mr. Wm. Sievwright, Jun. *Treasurer, Clerk, and Collector.*

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders takes place first Tuesday of July.

Customs, 1, Fox Lane, Commercial Street North.

John Gatherer, *Collector.*

The Collector is *ex officio* Registrar of Shipping, Receiver of Wreck, Shipping Master, and Collector of Light Dues.

D. G. Muir, - - *Comptroller and Tide Surveyor.*

Tide-Waiters.

Thomas Bowie, Robert Chisholm, Gilbert Laurenson.

(*For Shipping List, see page 39.*)

Excise—Office, 89, Commercial Street.

Miles Walker,	-	-	-	<i>Collecting Supervisor.</i>
John Russell,	-	-	-	<i>Officer.</i>

Stamp Office, 42, Commercial Street.

William Alexander Grant, - - *Distributor.*

Post-Office, 51, Commercial Street.

Peter Ross, *Postmaster.*

Assistants, - - Alexander Thomson, Theodore Ross.

Carriers.

Peter Johnston, - - *Daily Carrier.*

Assistant Carriers.

John Arthur, James Leask, Sinclair Cheyne.

Runners.

Robert Laurenson, - -	}	<i>Runners to Mossbank.</i>
James Fobister, - -		
Thomas Tulloch, - -		<i>Runner to Walls.</i>
Christopher Black, - -		<i>Runner to Dunrossness.</i>
John Arthur, - - -		<i>Runner to Scalloway.</i>

Ferrymen.

George Linklater, - -	}	<i>Ferrymen to Bressay.</i>
William Tulloch, - -		

Fishery Officer,

John Kennedy—Office, 33, Commercial Street.

Consuls and Vice-Consuls, &c.

Charles G. Duncan, Esq., Consul for Belgium, and Vice-Consul for the Netherlands.

George H. B. Hay, Esq., Vice-Consul for France.

Arthur James Hay, Esq., Vice-Consul for Denmark.

Joseph Leask, Esq., Vice-Consul for Spain.

James R. Spence, Esq., Vice-Consul for the Hanseatic Republic.

William Irvine, Esq., Vice-Consul for Russia.

Andrew Sutherland, Esq., Vice-Consul for Prussia, Sweden, and Norway.

James Sutherland, Esq., Vice-Consul for America.

Robert Hicks, Esq., Consul for Hanover.

Insurance Agents.

North British Insurance Co. (Life and Fire), C. G. Duncan, Esq.

Scottish Equitable Insurance Co., . Messrs. Hay and Co.

Scottish Provident Insurance Co., . F. G. Bruce, Esq.

Insurance Agents—Continued.

Scottish Widows' Fund, . . .	George Smith, Esq.
Standard Life Assurance, . . .	William Sievwright, Esq.
Alliance British and Foreign Life and Fire Co.,	} Mr. W. Sievwright, Jun.
Insurance Company of Scotland, . . .		Mr. W. Sievwright, Jun.
Lancaster Fire Insurance Co., . . .	F. G. Bruce, Esq.
London Mutual (Life & Guarantee), . . .	Mr. Robert Hicks.
Scottish Provincial Insurance Co., . . .	Mr. S. Henry.
Accidental Death Insurance Co., . . .	Mr. Jamès R. Spence.
City of Glasgow (Life),	Mr. John Manson.
Sun Insurance Association, (S.) Shields, . . .	Mr. James R. Spence.
Liverpool Royal Insurance Co., . . .	Mr. Neil Jamieson.
Life Association of Scotland,	Mr. Thomas Linklater.
Unity Fire and Life Assurance Associations, . . .	Mr. James G. Hicks.

Medical Men.

John Cowie, Esq., M.D., &c. Gilbert W. Spence, M.D., &c.
 Mr. P. D. Locterbagh, Medical Practitioner.

Free Masons.

Morton Lodge, No. 89, Scotland. Constituted in November, 1762.

Meetings held at Eight, P.M., on first Tuesday in each month, except in summer; and also at the usual Annual Festivals of the Order.

Place of Meeting, - - - Subscription Rooms.

Office-Bearers, 1860-61.

<i>Sen. Warden,</i> - - - -	W. A. Grant, <i>Acting Master.</i>
<i>Jun. Warden,</i> - - - -	J. Goudie.
<i>Sen. Deacon,</i> - - - -	Andrew Macbeth.
<i>Jun. Deacon,</i> - - - -	John Russell.
<i>Treasurer,</i> - - - -	J. Gilbertson.
<i>Secretary,</i> - - - -	N. Jamieson.
<i>Secretary of Masonic Widows' Fund,</i>	William Robertson.
<i>Chaplain,</i> - - - -	Rev. Z. M. Hamilton, Bressay.
<i>Proxy Master at Edinburgh, Grand Lodge of Scotland,</i>	} Henry Cheyne.
<i>Steward,</i> - - - -		James H. Johnson.
<i>Tylers,</i> - - - -	R. Davidson and S. Paton.

Trades' Society.

Office-Bearers.

Mr. James Sinclair,	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Preses.</i>
„ George Laurence,	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Treasurer.</i>
„ Walter Colvin,	-	-	-	-	-	} <i>Boxmasters.</i>
„ John Smith,	-	-	-	-	-	

Senior Directors.

Mr. James Tulloch.	Mr. Charles Gifford.
Mr. William Cowper.	

Junior Directors.

Mr. Thomas Gilbertson.	Mr. John Georgeson.
„ Andrew McBeath.	„ James Henry.
Mr. John Manson,	<i>Clerk.</i>

The present number of Members, including Office-Bearers, is	-	42
Number of Annuitants (Widows & Superannuated Members), is		85
Members individual Annual Payments, is	-	4/
Allowance for Funeral Money, is	-	1/
Sick Money, is	-	3d. Weekly.

Trustees for Heritors of Lerwick.

Mr. William Sievwright.	Mr. George H. B. Hay.
„ Francis Heddel.	„ R. N. Spence.
„ Joseph Leask.	„ Sievwright, <i>Agent.</i>

Lerwick Parochial Board—1860.

Mr. Robert Sinclair.	Mr. John Harper.
„ James Tulloch.	„ Andrew Goudie.

All Proprietors of the annual value of £20 and upwards are members by right.

Joseph Leisk, Esq. *Chairman.*

John Sandison, *Inspector and Collector.*

Inspector's Office, - - - 6, Mounthooly Street.

Auctioneers and Appraisers.

Mr. G. Lawrence, Commercial Street; Mr. L. Henry, Mounthooly Street; Mr. William Robertson, Norna's Court.

Total Abstinence Society.

<i>President,</i>	.	.	Rev. John Macinven.
<i>Vice-Presidents,</i>	.	.	Messrs. S. Henry and James Tulloch.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Mr. C. D. Jamieson.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	Mr. A. Goudy.

The number of members of this Society average presently about 1450.

Libraries.

Lerwick Subscription Library—Librarian, Mr. Jas. Hunter, teacher.
General Zetland Library, established 1828—Librarian, Mr. S. Henry.
Circulating Library—Mr. Robert Hicks.

Photographers.

Messrs. Ross Smith ; John F. Donalds ; James Goudie.

Art Unions.

Agent for London, . . . Mr. Andrew J. Duncan.
Agent for Dublin, . . . , James G. Hicks.
Hon. Secretary, Royal Association for Promotion of Fine Arts in Scotland, Edinburgh, . . . , William Irvine.

Honorary Agents in Lerwick for the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society.

Joseph Leask, Esq. ; Hay & Co., Esqrs. ; George R. Tait, Esq.

NOTE.—It is eighteen years since the Writer introduced the above-named most meritorious Society to his countrymen throughout the county, and offered every possible facility for seamen and fishermen becoming members of it, with but small success ; and, happening to have three shipwrecked crews to provide for one winter, their expense was heavy ; which, combined with the fact of relief being refused by the Honorary Agent to one crew unless they became members, gave rise to dissatisfaction at head-quarters, and he was glad to be quit of farther responsibility about it. The rule applied by the *Agent*, which was *condemned* in London, was made a *sine qua non* some three months afterwards by the Directors. The *quid pro quo* is understood to have been pretty rigidly applied since in more ways than one ; but *every seaman* and *fisherman* in Zetland ought to enrol themselves voluntarily, cheerfully.

Officers of the Prison, Fort Charlotte, &c.

<i>Keeper,</i>	. . .	Fleming Laurenson.
<i>Matron,</i>	. . .	Mrs. Laurenson.
<i>Chaplain,</i>	. . .	Rev. Alexander Saunders.
<i>Surgeon,</i>	. . .	John Cowie, Esq. M.D.

Convictions in 1840.....	25
„ 1850.....	68
„ 1859.....	33

It is satisfactory to find the number of convictions so much on the decrease, as is shown above, since 1850. Crimes consist of petty theft generally, with assault and breach of the peace, and occasionally more serious violations of law. Imprisonment for debt is rare, and will average about one yearly. The prison is sometimes vacant for weeks; and, at other times, solitary confinement—the chief rule of punishment—cannot be maintained for want of more cells, there being six only.

 Licensed Public Houses in Town.

Mr. William A. Grant,	. . .	<i>Spirits and Beer.</i>
„ James H. Johnson,	. . .	do.

 Licensed Spirit and Beer Merchants in Town.

Messrs. Hay & Co.,	. . .	<i>Spirits and Beer.</i>
Mr. Thomas Stout,	. . .	do.
„ John Robertson, Junior,	. . .	do.
Messrs. Robert & Charles Robertson,	. . .	do.
„ Gilbert Barrison & Son,	. . .	do.
Mr. Joseph Leask,	. . .	do.
„ Robert Mullay,	. . .	<i>Spirits only.</i>
„ Peter S. Colvin,	. . .	<i>Beer only.</i>

 Hotels, Inns, &c.

Zetland Hotel—John O'Brien.—Plain, comfortable quarters, and moderate charges. Spring-carts, ponies, boats, and guides procured for tourists, sportsmen, and anglers; and a small boat kept on the famed lochs of Asta and Tingwall for the accommodation of gentlemen residing in the hotel.

Mattinson's Hotel—89, Commercial Street.

Lodging Houses.

R. Liuklater's Lodgings,	. . .	173, Commercial Street.
Mrs. J. Smith's do.	. . .	24, Commercial Street.
Mrs. Reid's do.	. . .	North Hillhead.

Officers in charge of Fort Charlotte.

Sergeant Robert Bell, R.A. ; Gunner John Cousin, R.A.

Professions, Trades, Offices, &c.

LERWICK.

- ARCUS, James S., woollen and linen draper, manufacturer of Shetland shawls, veils, and hosiery, 48 Commercial street.
- Aitken, James, shipmaster, North Hillhead.
- Angus and Son, joiners and glaziers, &c.—G. R. Tait, Loadberry.
- Anderson, Thomas, pilot, Chromate lane.
- Laurence, shipmaster, Hangcliff lane.
- Thomas R., boater, Charlestown cottage.
- BRUCE, G., Union Bank agent, Hillhead.
- Burgess, John, tailor and clothier, 1 Burn's lane.
- Bairnson, Robert, shopman to Hay and Co.
- Brown, Robert, blacksmith, Hangcliff lane.
- John, blacksmith, 4 Stout's court.
- James, boot and shoemaker, Mounthooly street.
- Blance, James, tailor, Reform lane.
- Hay, boot and shoemaker, 33 Commercial street.
- Brown, John A., blacksmith, South Commercial street, successor to Mr. Gillie.

COWIE, John, M. D., Law lane.

Cheyne, William, tailor, 6 Mounthooly street.

Cooper, William, mason, 3 South Commercial street.

Colvin, Gavin, storekeeper to Hay and Co., Freefield dock,
via Lerwick.

..... Walter, foreman ship-carpenter to Hay and Co., Free-
field dock, *via* Lerwick.

..... Peter, grocer, &c., 92 Commercial street.

Cousin, John, gunner, R. A., Fort Charlotte.

DUNCAN, W. R., clerk of supply, &c., County Office.

..... C. G., writer, &c., Annsbrae.

..... Andrew J., agent for the Art Union of London, Anns-
brae.

Dalziel, James, grocer, agent for the Empress of China's Tea,
&c., 121 Commercial street.

Dauskin, William, plumber and gasfitter, Gas Works.

Donalds, John, painter, &c.

Duncan, John, shipmaster, 3 Church lane.

Davidson, Robert, tailor, 8 Hill lane.

..... Robert, wright, 2 Water lane.

..... John, shipmaster, South Commercial street.

EDGAR, William M., seedsman and fruiterer, &c., 125, Com-
mercial street.

FORD, Mr., egg merchant, &c., Law lane.

Fraser, Rev. Daniel, M. A., Free Church minister, Law lane.

Foubister, John, flesher, Market Cross ; house, "Jaw Bones,"
Mounthooly street.

GRANT, William Alexander, distributor of stamps, 42 Com-
mercial street.

Goudie, Robert, ironmonger and general merchant, 113 Com-
mercial street.

Gilbertson, Thomas, merchant tailor, agent for John Cassell,
101 Commercial street.

- Goudie, James, tailor and clothier, 86 Commercial street.
 Robert, Jun., clerk to Hay and Co., Hillhead.
 Agnes, dressmaker, 86 Commercial street.
- Goudy, Andrew, watchmaker, 47 Commercial street.
- Gilbertson, John, boot and shoemaker, 71 Commercial street.
- Garriock, John T., grocer, Commercial street.
- Greig, George, foreman cooper to Hay and Co., Docks, *via*
 Lerwick.
 David, shopman to Hay and Co., South Commercial
 street.
- Gifford, Charles, shoemaker and pilot, 125 Commercial street.
 John, pilot, 2 Pilot lane.
- Garriock, Peter, shipping and general agent, Commercial
 street.
- HAY and Co., merchants, ship-owners, commission-agents,
 agents for the Scottish Equitable Assurance Society,
 &c., 30 and 32 Commercial street.
- Hay, George H. B., vice-consul for France, and factor for
 the Proprietors of the Unst Chromate Mines, 30 Com-
 mercial street.
 Arthur James, vice-consul for Denmark, &c., 30 Com-
 mercial street.
- Hicks, Robert, druggist and bookseller, &c., 169 and 171
 Commercial street.
- Harrison, Gilbert, and Son, general merchants and fishcurers,
 74 and 78 Commercial street.
- Henry, Samuel, writer and town clerk—office, Queen's lane ;
 house, 25 Hangcliff lane.
- Hicks, James Greig, agent for Dublin Art Union.
- Harper, John, tea merchant and grocer, 52 Commercial
 street.
- Henderson, William, umbrella-maker, Commercial street.
- Hughson, James, shipmaster and pilot, Navy lane.
- Hunter, James, parochial teacher, Schoolhouse, South Hill-
 head.
- Henderson, Andrew, provision and general merchant, &c.

Henderson, William, Jun., clerk to George R. Tait, Commercial street.

Hunter, James, accountant, Union Bank, 20 Law lane.

Henderson, Laurence, book-keeper, 15 South Commercial street.

Halcrow, William, and Co., house carpenters and glaziers, 1 and 2 Hangcliff lane.

Hughson, Thomas B., house carpenter, Commercial street, Raven's court.

Henry, Laurence, auctioneer, &c., 14 Mounthooly street.

Halcrow, William, shopman to Messrs. Hay & Co.

Henry and Anderson, merchants, 104 Commercial street.

Halcrow, Laurence, boot and shoemaker, 147 Commercial street.

..... Arthur, joiner, 12 South Commercial street.

Hall, Robert, baker, 2 Tait's place.

IRVINE, William, vice-consul for Russia, &c., Irvine's court, Commercial street.

..... George, merchant, 127 Commercial street.

..... Robert, shopkeeper, 108 Commercial street.

..... James, and Son, joiners, South Commercial street.

JOHNSON, William (late S. D. Hunter), general merchant, 115 and 119 Commercial street.

Jamieson, Charles D., bookseller, stationer, printer, &c., 68 and 70 Commercial street.

..... Thomas, salesman for Joseph Leask, Esq., 3 Pitt lane.

Johnson, James H. wine and spirit merchant, fishcurer, and general agent, 107 Commercial street.

Jamieson, Arthur, slater and plumber, 33 Commercial street.

..... Joseph, grocer and flesher, North Commercial street.

KENNEDY, John, fishery officer, South Commercial street; residence, Helcndalc.

- LEASK, Joseph, merchant, ship-owner, and agent, 52 Commercial street.
- Laurance, George, established 1830, wholesale and retail general merchant, auctioneer, and appraiser, 79, 91, and 83, Commercial street.
- Laurenson, Laurence, hosier and manufacturer of Shetland shawls, veils, &c., &c., 106 Commercial street.
- Leisk, Mrs. David, draper and hosier, 56 and 58 Commercial street.
- Linklater, Robert, hosier and draper, Shetland veil manufacturer, 112 and 173 Commercial street.
- Hugh, merchant, 197 Commercial street.
- Mrs. Hugh, dressmaker, 35 Commercial street.
- Thomas, hosier, shawl, and veil manufacturer, 5 Charlotte place.
- Loeterbagh, Dr. P. D., Navy lane.
- Laurenson, Fleming, gaoler, Fort Charlotte.
- Levack, J., saddler, 24 Commercial street.
- Laurenson, Simon, blacksmith, Mounthooly street.
- Robert, post-office runner, Navy lane.
- MATHIESON, Mrs. (hotel), 89 Commercial street.
- McFarlane, Rev. Andrew, minister of the U. P. Church, Mounthooly street.
- McInven, Rev. John, congregational minister, Twagoes.
- Merrylees, Charles, parochial registrar and session clerk, Greenfield cottage.
- Mullay, Robert, general merchant and fishcurer, 88 Commercial street.
- McBeath, Andrew, general dealer, &c., 14 Commercial street.
- Mullay's Lodgings, (Mrs. John) 9 South Commercial street.
- Moore, George, Blacksmith, 7 South Commercial street.
- Manson, John, depute clerk of the peace, Brucefield.
- Malcomson, Mrs. William, baker, 157 Commercial street.
- Mowat, William W., shopman to Hay and Co., Navy lane.
- John, cooper, 24 Burns' lane.
- William, writer's clerk, Park lane.

O'BRIEN, John, Zetland hotel, 77 Commercial street.

Ollison, Charles, boot and shoemaker, 2 Greig's pier.

PETRIE, John W. shipmaster, Skipper's court, Navy lane.

..... John, merchant, 96 Commercial street.

..... Thomas B., grocer, 165 Commercial street.

Pennie, R. G. H., clerk, Union Bank, 9 South Commercial street.

Pottinger, Sinclair, baker, 75 and 68 Commercial street.

Paterson, Thomas, shipmaster, Chromate lane.

Paton, Peter, tinsmith, Commercial street.

Ross, Peter, postmaster, Post-office, South Commercial street.

Robertson and Merrylees, agents for the Aberdeen, Leith, and Clyde Shipping Company; office, 20 Commercial street.

Robertson, John, Sen., merchant and fishcurer, &c., 22 Commercial street.

..... John, Jun., merchant and fishcurer, 66 Commercial street, and 4 Victoria Wharf.

..... Robert and Charles, grocers, wine, and spirit merchants, &c., 72 Commercial street.

..... William, clerk, &c. 1 Victoria wharf.

..... William, clerk to Hay and Co., and auctioneer and appraiser, Norna's court.

Reid, Mrs., Lodgings, Hillhead.

Robertson, William, tailor and grocer, 38 Commercial street.

..... William, mason, Freefield, *via* Lerwick.

..... Jessie, straw-bonnet maker, Freefield, *via* Lerwick; shop, 44 Commercial street.

Russell, Joseph, clerk, Union Bank, 9 South Commercial street.

Ridand, Robert, blacksmith, Charlotte lane.

Russell, John, excise officer, 2 South Commercial street.

Ridland, John, tailor and renovator, Hay's court.

Robertson, Charles, sailmaker, 17 Burns' lane.

Russell, John, Northness, factor for Mr. James Methuen, fishcurer, Leith.

- SPENCE, Robert N., writer, notary public, &c., Law lane.
 Dr., Mounthooly street—surgery, 77 Commercial street.
- Smith, George, S.S.C., sheriff and vice-admiralty clerk of Zetland, agent for the Scottish Widows' Fund Life Assurance, &c. ; office, County Buildings.
- Spence, James R., general merchant, ship chandler, agent of the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette*, customs, ship and commission agent, vice-consul for the Hanseatic Republic, and agent for the Maritime Passengers' Assurance Company, &c., 83 Commercial street.
- Sutherland, James and Andrew, Lloyds and general insurance agents, consuls for America, Prussia, Sweden, Norway, and Oldenburgh, &c., 6 Charlotte place.
 Thomas, carpenter, 6 Charlotte place.
- Smith, Ross, watch, clock, and compass maker, &c., 8 Charlotte place.
- Sinclair, Robert, and Co., drapers and Shetland hosiers, shawl and veil manufacturers—shop, 60 Commercial street ; house, 41 Commercial street.
 James, pilot, 7 Hangcliff lane.
 James, mason, 17 Commercial street.
- Stout, William, builder, 3 Stout's court.
 Thomas, merchant, 15 Commercial street.
- Smyth, John, lodging-house-keeper, 24 Commercial street.
- Stout & Mullay, boot and shoemakers, 61 Commercial street.
- Smith, Robert, grocer, 100 Commercial street.
- Stove, Thomas, carpenter, 1 Stove's quay.
- Slater, George, grocer, 35 South Commercial street.
- Sandison, John, inspector of poor, and collector of poor's rates, Church lane—office, Mounthooly street.
- Shewan, James, tailor and clothier, Commercial street.
- Sinclair, Irvine, and Co., bakers, 8 Mounthooly street.
- Strong, Thomas, boot and shoemaker and leather merchant, Commercial street.
- Sinclair, James, boot and shoemaker, Annsbrae place.
- Simeonson, Charles, and Son, tailors, Commercial street.
- Smith, William, grocer, &c., Commercial street.

Smith, William, shopman to Hay and Co., South Commercial street.

..... Robert, sexton, 4 Park lane.

TAIT, George Reid, merchant, ship-agent, and fishcurer, Charlotte place.

Tulloch, W. B., mercantile clerk, 47 Commercial street.

..... James, merchant, 90 Commercial street.

..... William, joiner, Quendale lane,

Tait, Richard, merchant, Commercial street.

..... John, shopman to Hay and Co.

..... Robert, joiner, Park lane.

..... Catharine, merchant, Commercial street.

Thomson, Alexander, post-office assistant, Annsbrae place.

Tulloch, Thomas, post-office runner, Law lane.

Tait, John, grocer, 80 Commercial street.

WALKER, Miles, collecting surveyor of excise, 89 Commercial street.

Williamson, Peter, sheriff officer, 2 Navy lane.

..... A. K., grocer, &c., Commercial street.

..... Mrs., dressmaker, Navy lane.

..... J. W., tailor, 1 Burns' lane.

Analysis.

12 Merchants and General Dealers, 25 Grocers, 12 Tailors and Clothiers, 9 Boot and Shoemakers, 14 Hosiers and Shawl Manufacturers, 10 Joiners and Glaziers, 10 Ship and Boat Carpenters, 6 Blacksmiths, 2 Tinsmiths, 6 Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Slaters, 12 Builders and Masons, 4 Bakers, 2 Booksellers and Printers, &c. &c.

Ship-owners.

Messrs. Hay and Company.

Mr. George R. Tait.

Joseph Leask, Esq.

„ Peter Garrioch.

North Sea Fishery Company.

Messrs. Sutherland.

Messrs. Harrison.

Mr. John Robertson, Sen.

Mr. William Irvine.

The above are Shipping Agents also.

Other Shipping Agents.

Mr. James R. Spence.

Messrs. Robertson and Merrylees, for the Aberdeen, Leith, and Clyde Shipping Company.

Mr. A. Macbeath.

Mr. John Manson, for the White Star Line of Packets from Liverpool.

Vessels Registered at the Port of Lerwick.

	Name of Vessel.	Tons.	Master.
1.	Ariel,	81	William Bruce.
2.	Alarm,	25	Robert Tait.
3.	Aurora,	39	John Leask.
4.	Ant,	25	
5.	Ann,	22	
6.	Alma,	39	G. Tait.
7.	Bessie,	63	J. Henderson.
8.	Christian and Jean,	16	
9.	Charles,	31	— Georgeson.
10.	Cynthia,	43	W. Duncan.
11.	Caroline,	33	Laurence Sinclair.
12.	Eliza,	16	T. Christie.
13.	Elizabeth,	16	T. Thomson.
14.	Experiment,	24	C. Duncan.
15.	Ellen,	42	Robert Christie.
16.	Fly,	25	
17.	Flora,	13	
18.	George Canning,	41	John Mouat.
19.	Gleaner,	17	
20.	Gondola,	71	James Henderson.
21.	Gem,	24	James Ogilvy.
22.	Gem,	30	James Halcrow.
23.	Hugh Crauford,	44	Robert Leask.
24.	John and Margaret,	26	
25.	James Dunsmere,	16	

	Name of Vessel.	Tons.	Master.
26.	Janet Hay,	100	C. O. Davidson.
27.	Jessie,	25	Henry Nisbet.
28.	John Chapman,	51	John Hay.
29.	Kalamazoo,	35	John Davidson.
30.	Lady Frances,	16	
31.	Lady Saltoun,	29	Peter Peterson.
32.	Lady Alice,	28	Magnus Hughson.
33.	Lady Cockburn,	23	
34.	Little Dorrit,	28	E. Thomson.
35.	Lady Nightingale,	33	H. Peterson.
36.	Maria,	11	R. Jamieson.
37.	Mary,	26	J. Davidson.
38.	Minna,	18	Magnus Jamieson.
39.	Matchless,	107	John W. Petrie.
40.	Margaret,	68	
41.	Matilda,	24	L. Johnson.
42.	Mystery,	36	James Johnson.
43.	Marbank,	9	
44.	Mermaid,	28	
45.	Nymph,	16	
46.	North Sea Queen,	52	G. Georgeson.
47.	Novice,	64	Robert Nisbet.
48.	Naiad,	42	Arthur Tait.
49.	Olive Branch,	46	J. Pottinger.
50.	Plover,	25	Robert Linklater.
51.	Prince of Wales,	50	Robert Gray.
52.	Petrel,	42	J. Smith.
53.	Pert,	44	J. Davidson.
54.	Petrel,	52	J. Williamson.
55.	Sisters,	21	
56.	Stewart,	29	
57.	Scotia,	63	John Duncan.
58.	Seafield,	20	
59.	Superior,	15	John Leask.
60.	Sylph,	18	Thomas Irvine.
61.	Sprightly,	16	John Inkster.

	Name of Vessel.	Tons.	Master.
62.	Syren,	40	P. Johnson.
63.	Sea Gull,	17	A. Tullock.
64.	Sir Colin Campbell,	65	
65.	Sentinel,	31	L. Anderson.
66.	Sage,	40	Robert Duncan.
67.	Thule,	13	Henry Sandison.
68.	Thule,	18	
69.	Thomas Graham,	84	
70.	Telegraph,	44	J. Sinclair.
71.	Trow,	15	James Morrison.
72.	Venus,	53	G. Gray.
73.	Vivacious,	80	J. Linklater.
74.	Vixen,	44	James Hay.
75.	Zephyr,	65	James Mitchell.
		<u>2723</u>	

Several of these Vessels belonged to noblemen, and are very handsome fast-going craft.

Fishery Table for 1859.

HERRINGS.

	<i>Barrels.</i>
Gutted and packed within twenty-four hours after being caught,	6643
Cured on shore,	6676
Being packed and branded,	4604
Assorted and branded crown full, after the Dutch fashion,	1979
Exported to Ireland,	611
Bung packed, to the Continent,	3320
Boats employed,	<u>363</u>
Fishermen and Boys do.	1473
Coopers do.	54
Gutters and Packers do.	567
Labourers do.	<u>21</u>
Total in all,	<u>2115</u>

The Bounty on Herrings cured gutted ceased altogether in 1830. It ranged from 1/ to 4/ per barrel.

COD AND LING.

Vessels employed,	64
Tonnage thereof,	2009
Men employed,	787
Fish taken or purchased,	992,430
Cured dried in cwts.	27,954
Cod, Ling, or Hake taken by open boats,	929,373
Cured in cwts.	32,291
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Total taken or purchased,	1,921,803
,, cured dried in cwts.	60,245
,, exported to Ireland,	10,231
,, ,, Continent,	16,120
Number of Boats employed in all the Fisheries,...	653
Tonnage thereof,	1218
Men and Boys employed,	2929
Number of Curers,	52
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Value of Boats,	£6,060
,, Nets,	6,704
,, Lines,	4,234
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	£17,007
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The Bounty on Cod, &c. also ceased in 1830. It was 4/ per cwt. for Fish cured dried; 2/6 per barrel for Fish cured in pickle; while the Tonnage Bounty ranged from £2 10/ to £1 15/

Branding and punching of Cod and Ling ceased in 1850.

The above taken from the Report of the Fishery Board, kindly lent by Mr. KENNEDY.

NOTE.—Besides the regular Haaf and Herring fishing boats, an immense number of small boats are engaged in the Haddock and other fishings in shore, which cannot be less than 2500—the number of old men and boys employed in them being calculated at not less than double that number.

The Seal and Whale fishing ships from Peterhead and other ports annually employ not less than 1000 of our men, and lads besides, for some of the spring and summer months at least. On the whole, however, it is thought that such men would be more beneficially engaged on the Faroe or Ling fisheries.

The total value of Fish of all kinds cured for the market in 1859, is estimated in round numbers at £63,000, at the very least; to which has to be added the value of their liver oil, a large item, and "Sounds" if cured, in order to get at the full value of such fishing. The garbage, also, is of value for manure; but it unfortunately is sent whence it came—a necessity, however, which ought to be remedied to the utmost.



Part Second.



COUNTY LISTS, &c.



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Commissioners of Supply and Acting Justices.

- Bruce, John, Esquire of Sumburgh, and J.P.
 Bruce, John, Esquire, Younger of Sumburgh, and J.P.
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 Bruce, William, Esquire of Symbister.
 Bruce, Robert, Esquire, Younger of Symbister.
 Bruce, Robert, Esquire of Burravoe.
 Black, David D., Esquire of Kereord, and J.P.
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 Grierson, James, Esquire of Quendale, and J.P.
 Grierson, Colonel, Crichton, R.E.
 Grierson, Andrew J., Esquire, Younger of Quendale, and J.P.
 Gifford, Thomas, Esquire, Factor, Busta.
 Heddell, Francis, Esquire of Uresland, and J.P.
 Hoseason, James, Esquire of Aywick, and J.P.
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 Hay, Arthur, Jun., Esquire, Joint Factor for Lord Zetland.
 Leask, Joseph, Esquire of Sand, and J.P.
 Nicolson, Sir Arthur of Nicolson, Baronet.
 Nicolson, Arthur, Esquire, Younger of Nicolson.
 Ogilvy, John, Esquire, late of Lund.
 Ogilvy, Charles, Esquire of Quarff.
 Spence, Robert N., Esquire of Windhouse, and J.P.
 Scott, Gideon, Esquire of Scalloway.
 Scott, Robert T. C., Esquire of Melby, and J.P.
 Spence, Robert J. T., Esquire, Younger of Windhouse.
 Umphray, Andrew, Esquire of Reawich, and J.P.

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County Buildings.

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Lewis F. U. Garvock, Esquire of Reawick.

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Zetland Volunteer Rifle Corps.

This consists at present of sixty members in all, who have taken the oath to Government—minus three or four who have left the county. It is commanded by Lieutenant Robert Bell, there being one Ensign, four Serjeants, two Corporals, an Honorary Surgeon, and an Honorary Secretary, with a Treasurer, included in the above number. There is also attached to the Corps a Band of six youngsters.

The existence of such a Corps here is an important fact in the history of local affairs, and contrasts impressively with the old volunteering system during the Peninsular war, fifty years ago and back, when only the poorest men would enter on the inducement of high bounties; clothing, &c. being given them for local service, although several of them afterwards, with very many more others, entered the various branches of the army from various causes, though certainly not from a love of war, however much of patriotism. Mr. Scott, of Scottshall, who was what was called “Regulating Officer,” had his hands full enough with army, as well as navy matters, occasionally in those days. In one instance he raised thirty men for an Edinburgh regiment, at the rate of nine guineas bounty per man, besides extras. There is, however, one feature in the present state of volunteer matters, which it is thought the public ought to look at more closely and anxiously, and that is, the best means of extending and making the Corps here *permanent*. It is unnecessary to go into reasons for this, for they are obvious to reflecting men—as it will be too late to think of it when an enemy has taken possession of us, or even

when, in the event of war, we may, from very terror, have to apply to the Government for protection, as had repeatedly to be done during the times referred to, when we had about two hundred Volunteers even, with a Major commanding—the late Sheriff-Substitute, Mr. Duncan. In a political point of view, it is thought that this, the most northern of Her Majesty's dominions, ought to have a permanent Military Staff of at least a Company. Formerly, it was no uncommon event for soldiers to be called out to disperse rioters, &c., even at the point of the bayonet! They are the right hand of civil power everywhere.

In the meantime, every Member of the Corps deserves great praise—and something better—for the patriotic zeal and efficiency already manifested. “Always ready!” was the old war cry.

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The Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, . . . *Patron.*
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 „ Z. M. Hamilton, *Bressay.*
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 „ B. MacLaurin, *Sandsting.*
 „ W. Levie, *Nesting.*
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„ G. U. McIntosh,	. . .	<i>Unst.</i>
„ D. Webster,	. . .	<i>Fetlar.</i>
Mr. Crabb, Missionary,	North Yell,	<i>Clerk.</i>

General List of Clergymen, &c.

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<i>Sandwick,</i>	. . .	„ Thomas D. Wingate.

ROYAL BOUNTY ESTABLISHED CHURCH MISSIONARIES.

<i>Whiteness,</i>	. . .	Rev. John Sloane.
<i>Burravoe Yell,</i>	. . .	„ Oliver Forbes.
<i>North Yell,</i>	. . .	„ James Crabb.
<i>Lunna,</i>	. . .	„ Andrew M'Farlane.

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<i>Dunrossness,</i>	. . .	„ Mr. Reid.
<i>Cunningsburgh,</i>	. . .	Vacant.
<i>Brae,</i>	. . .	Rev. James Bain.
<i>Walls,</i>	. . .	„ Donald Levack.
<i>North Yell and Fetlar,</i>	. . .	„ Angus McIntosh.
<i>Unst,</i>	. . .	„ James Ingram.
<i>Do.</i>	. . .	„ John Ingram.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS.

<i>Lerwick,</i>	. . .	Rev. Andrew M'Farlane.
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<i>Lerwick,</i>	. . .	Rev. John M'Inven.
<i>Sealloway,</i>	. . .	„ Nicol Nicolson.
<i>Walls,</i>	. . .	„ John Craig.
<i>Bixter,</i>	. . .	„ James Tulloch.
<i>Northmarine,</i>	. . .	„ James Fraser.

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<i>Sandwick,</i>	„ John Tulloch.
<i>Do.</i>	„ Robert Tulloch.
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<i>Skerries,</i>	„ William Peterson.

BAPTIST MINISTER.

<i>Dunrossness,</i>	Rev. Sinclair Thomson.
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BAPTIST PREACHERS.

<i>Dunrossness,</i>	Mr. Gavin Mouat.
<i>Scalloway,</i>	„ Robert Scott.
<i>Burra,</i>	„ John Inkster.
<i>Sandsting,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ Charles Moodie.

WESLEYAN MINISTERS.

<i>Lerwick,</i>	.	.	.	.	Rev. John T. Duncan.
<i>Haroldswick</i>	.	.	.	.	„ E. Bayles.
<i>Walls,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ George Hobson.
<i>Dunrossness,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ Mr. Pingant.
<i>Northmavine,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ J. F. Raw.

WESLEYAN LOCAL PREACHERS.

<i>Lerwick,</i>	.	.	.	.	Mr. Robert Hicks.
<i>Do.</i>	.	.	.	.	„ William Edgar.
<i>Do.</i>	.	.	.	.	„ Robert Green.
<i>Haroldswick,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ James Hay.
<i>Burravoe Yell,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ Daniel Guthrie.
<i>North Roe,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ James Inkster.
<i>Walls,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ Scott Robertson.
<i>Do.</i>	.	.	.	.	„ James Johnston.
<i>Dunrossness,</i>	„ James Sinclair.
<i>Do.</i>	„ Laurence Arcus.
<i>Levanwick,</i>	„ James Anderson.

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<i>Lerwick, &c.,</i>	. . .	Mr. James Hunter.
<i>Tingwall, &c.,</i>	. . .	„ Charles Beatton.
<i>Bressay,</i>	. . .	„ John Ross.
<i>Lunnasting,</i>	. . .	„ John McG. Anderson.
<i>Unst,</i>	. . .	Rev. George Robertson.
<i>North Yell,</i>	. . .	Mr. John S. Houston.
<i>Mid and South Yell,</i>	. . .	„ A. D. Mathewson.
<i>Northmavine,</i>	. . .	„ James Bruce.
<i>Delting,</i>	. . .	„ John Anderson.
<i>Walls,</i>	. . .	Rev. John Rannie.
<i>Sandsting and Aithsting,</i>	. . .	Mr. Gilbert Williamson.
<i>Dunrossness,</i>	. . .	„ James Russell.

 Assembly and Society Teachers, &c.

<i>Lerwick,</i>	. . .	Mr. John Arthur.
<i>Do.</i>	. . .	Misses Duncan.
<i>Scalloway,</i>	. . .	Mr. John Smith.
<i>Burra Isle,</i>	. . .	„ Gilbert Gray, A. T.
<i>Bressay,</i>	. . .	„ Walter Russel, A. T.
<i>Skerry Isles,</i>	. . .	„ William Peterson.
<i>Haroldswick,</i>	. . .	„ Charles Arthur, A. T.
<i>Norwich,</i>	. . .	„ James Smith, A. T.
<i>Uyeasound,</i>	. . .	„ John Bain, F. C. T.
<i>Westing (Unst),</i>	. . .	„ William Clark, F. C. T.
<i>Fetlar,</i>	. . .	„ Peter Inkster.
<i>Burravoe (Yell),</i>	. . .	„ Robert Bain.
<i>Tangwick,</i>	. . .	„ Charles Sandison.
<i>North Roe,</i>	. . .	„ Thomas Scott.
<i>Brae,</i>	. . .	„ James Souttil.
<i>Isle of Roe,</i>	. . .	„ Peter Fraser, F. C. T.
<i>Sandness,</i>	. . .	„ Robert Jamieson, A. T.
<i>Papa Stour,</i>	. . .	„ Thomas Manson.
<i>Walls,</i>	. . .	„ Hector M'Kenzie, F. C. T.
<i>Whiteness,</i>	. . .	„ James Irvine.
<i>Weisdale,</i>	. . .	„ Laurence Henderson.
<i>Underhoull,</i>	. . .	„ John Clark, F. C. T.

<i>Dunrossness,</i>	.	Mr. William Laurenson.
<i>Fair Isle,</i>	.	„ James Cheyne.
<i>Gulberwick,</i>	.	„ Robert Laing.
<i>Foula,</i>	.	„ Thomas Manson.
<i>Sandsound,</i>	.	„ John Moodie.
<i>Cunningsburgh,</i>	.	„ John Thomson.
<i>Skeld,</i>	.	„ George Henry.
<i>Reawick,</i>	.	„ James Stout.

NOTE.—There are upwards of one hundred Ministers, Preachers, and Teachers amongst, say, 32,000 inhabitants, which would seem ample for religious and educational purposes; but the scattered nature of the County and its population calls for more of them, perhaps, in some country districts. The total cost of all is estimated at £5,500, besides the expense of buildings, books, and incidents. Exchequer payments to Established Church Clergymen are included in said sum.

Licensed Public Houses.

<i>Burravoe Yell,</i>	.	Mr. George Henderson,	.	S.
<i>Hillswick,</i>	.	„ Gideon Anderson,	.	S. and B.
<i>Brae,</i>	.	„ James Inkster,	.	S. and B.
<i>Tresta,</i>	.	„ George Johnson,	.	S. and B.

Licensed Spirit, &c. Merchants.

<i>Unst, Haroldswick,</i>	.	Mr. Thomas Nisbet,	.	S. and B.
<i>Do. Baltasound,</i>	.	„ David Edmonston,	.	S. and B.
<i>Do. Uyeasound,</i>	.	Messrs. Hay and Co.,	.	S. and B.
<i>North Yell,</i>	.	Mr. William Pole,	.	S.
<i>Mid Yell,</i>	.	„ James Williamson,	.	S.
<i>Do.</i>	.	„ Hosea Anderson,	.	S.
<i>West Sandwick,</i>	.	The Representatives of William Smith,		S. and B.
<i>South Yell, Ulster,</i>	.	Mr. William J. Williamson,	.	S.
<i>North Roe,</i>	.	„ John Inkster,	.	B.
<i>Do.</i>	.	„ James Hoseason,	.	S.
<i>Delting, Mossbank,</i>	.	„ James Hoseason.	.	S.
<i>Delting, Voe,</i>	.	„ Thomas M. Adie,	.	S. and B.

<i>Skerries,</i>	. . .	Mr. Thomas M. Adie,	. . .	S. and B.
<i>Walls, Voe,</i>	. . .	„ Robert Twatt,	. . .	S. and B.
<i>Walls, Seafield,</i>	. . .	„ Thomas Robertson,	. . .	B.
<i>Scalloway,</i>	. . .	Messrs. Hay and Co.,	. . .	S. and B.
<i>Cunningsburgh,</i>	. . .	Mr. Robert Mouat,	. . .	B.

NOTE.—The Letters B. and S. signify such as have Licence for selling Spirits and Beer.

Sheriff and Criminal Officers.

SHERIFF OFFICERS IN LERWICK.

Laurence Henry. Peter Williamson.

CRIMINAL OFFICERS.

George Christie. William Prims.

SHERIFF OFFICERS IN WEISDALE.

John Ross, *Sound.* John Thomson, *Kergord.*

CUNNINGSBURGH.

Adam Jarmson, *Vadsgarth.*

AITHSTING.

Mitchell Abernethy, . . . *Stiva.*

WALLS.

Thomas Smith, *Greenland.*

PAPA STOUR.

Alexander Ewenson.

LUNNASTING.

James Pearson, *Hamnavoe.*

YELL.

John Odie, *Neepoback.* James Thomas Fraser, *Midbrake.*
 Thomson Johnson, *Mid Yell.*

UNST.

James Thomason, *Muness.*

List of Voters, 1859—Lordship of Zetland.

PARISHES OF LERWICK AND GULBERWICK.

(No additions in 1860.)

Name.	Place, Village, Farm, &c.	Name.	Place, Village, Farm, &c.
Arcus, Jas. Strong,	Lerwick.	Laurenson, Peter,	Do.
Anderson, Joseph,	Do.	Laurence, George,	Lerwick.
Anderson, Hosea,	Do.	McBeath, Andrew,	Do.
Bruce, John,	Twagoes.	Morgan, John, Minr.,	Do.
Barclay, James,	Lerwick.	Nicolson, Robert,	Do.
Budge, John,	Do.	Nicolson, Sir Arthur, (near Lerwick — Gremista, and Homesgarth.)	
Bannatyne, John,	Do.	Petrie, John Wm.,	Lerwick.
Bain, Gilbert Angus,	Do.	Robertson, William,	Do.
Cameron, Thos. Mouat,	Do.	Robertson, John,	Do.
Campbell, John Deans, Leog.		Siewwright, William,	Do.
Cowie, John,	Lerwick.	Scott, Robert, T. C.	Do.
Duncan, Andw. John,	Do.	Stout, Thomas,	Do.
Duncan, Chas. Gilbert, Mill- dam Farm.		Strong, Thomas,	Do.
Duncan, Chas. G., Brucefield.		Stout, William,	Do.
Fraser, Rev. Daniel,	Lerwick.	Stout, Thomas,	Do.
Fordyce, Andrew,	Do.	Sinclair, James,	Do.
Goudie, Robert,	Do.	Smith, Ross,	Do.
Goudie, James,	Do.	Stove, John,	Do.
Grierson, Chrichton,	Do.	Spence, James R.,	Do.
Greig, George,	Do.	Spence, John,	Do.
Gilbertson, Thomas,	Do.	Stove, Thomas,	Do.
Hay, Andrew (late of Singa- pore),	Do.	Tait, James,	Do.
Harrison, Gilbert,	Do.	Tait, Gilbert,	Do.
Hicks, Robert,	Do.	Tulloch, William B.	Do.
Johnson, Samuel,	Do.	Tulloch, William,	Do.
Leask, Joseph,	Do.	Tait, George R.,	Helendale.
Linklater, Robert,	Do.	Taylor James,	Lerwick.
Laurenson, Laurence,	Do.	Umphray, James,	Do.

PARISHES OF BRESSAY, BURRA, AND QUARFF.

Gardner, James, minister,	. . .	Quarff.
Hamilton, Zachary, do.	. . .	Bressay.
Ogilvy, Charles, of Quarff,	. . .	Quarff and Upswall.
Penny, Thomas,	. . .	Keldabister.
Ross, John,	. . .	Bressay.
Webster, Alexander,	. . .	Quarff.

PARISHES OF DUNROSSNESS, SANDWICK, AND CUNNINGSBURGH.

Bruce, William, of Symbister,	. . .	Scatness, Scousburgh, and others.
Bruce, William G. M'Crae,	. . .	Tow.
Davidson, Thomas,	. . .	Culbinsgarth.
Goudie, William,	. . .	Linds, Sandwick.
Grierson, James,	. . .	Quendale and Garth.
Halcrow, Laurence,	. . .	Easterhouse.
Halcrow, Malcolm,	. . .	Hosewick.
Halcrow, James,	. . .	South Stove.
Halcrow, Nicoll, of Stove,	. . .	Stove.
Mouat, Andrew,	. . .	Levanwick.
Manson, James,	. . .	Stovebreck.
Mouat, Jeremiah,	. . .	Hosewick.
Mouat, Thomas,	. . .	Hosewick and Collister.
Stark, Alexander, minister,	. . .	Sandwick.
Scarth, John R.,	. . .	Do.
Turnbull, Rev. George,	. . .	Meal in Cunningsburgh.

PARISHES OF TINGWALL, WHITENESS, AND WEISDALE.

Black, David D.,	. . .	Hoy, and Hogs of Hoy.
Cheyne, Henry,	. . .	Brunthammersland.
Davidson, William,	. . .	Scalloway.
Davidson, George,	. . .	Do.
Davidson, David, of Strath,	. . .	North and South Laxfirth.
Goodlad, James,	. . .	Sweenister, & Belyister, &c.
Garrioch, Lewis F. U.,	. . .	Burwick.

Hay, Charles,	Vatster, N. Hammersland and Braewick.
Hay, George H. B.,	Neithersound, Weisdale.
Henderson, John,	Berry.
Jamieson, Hugh,	Setter.
Jamieson, James,	Scalloway.
Kennedy, Alexander Eneas,	Tingwall.
Laurenson, Laurence,	Scalloway.
Nicolson, Charles,	Do.
Ollason, James,	Do.
Robertson, James G.,	Do.
Robertson, James G.,	Do.
Scott, Gideon,	Do.
Tait, Thomas,	Walster.
Turnbull, John,	Gott and others.

PARISHES OF SANDSTING AND AITHSTING.

Dickson, Adam,	Aithsting and Delting.
Johnston, George,	Gruting.
Johnston, James,	Murrister, Garden, and Stonadale, &c.
Johnson, James,	Do.
Scott, James,	Do.
M'Laurin, Rev. Robert,	Sellivoe.
Umphray, Andrew,	Reawick and Easterskeld.
Williamson, William,	Do.
Williamson, Gilbert,	Stonadale.

PARISHES OF WALLS, SANDNESS, AND PAPA.

Anderson, Arthur,	Vaila.
Hughson, Andrew,	Stenestwat.
Henry, John Thomas,	Ness of Muckleure.
Henry, Archibald S.,	Forratwat and Bayhall.
Henry, John T.,	Muckleure.
Johnson, John,	Stenestwat.
Johnston, John A.,	Do.

Mason, David King,	.	.	Vaila.
Nicol, Archibald,	.	.	Watsness.
Peterson, Peter,	.	.	Vadleure.
Peterson, Peter,	.	.	Do.
Pride, Robert,	.	.	Linga.
Robertson, Scott,	.	.	Grutquoy.
Rannie, John,	.	.	Happyhansel.
Robertson, Thomas,	.	.	Seafield.
Scott, Robert T. C.,	.	.	Sandness.
Sinclair, Archibald,	.	.	Watness.
Sinclair, Magnus,	.	.	Kellister and Snarraness.
Thomson, John,	.	.	Do.
Twatt, Robert,	.	.	Voe

PARISH OF UNST.

Gauden, Gilbert,	.	.	Searpoe.
Henderson, George,	.	.	Petister.
Henderson, Nicoll,	.	.	Bothen.
Henderson, William John,	.	.	Skiphoul and Baliasta.
Henderson, James C.,	.	.	Skiphoul, Sreffield, and Baliasta.
Henderson, Robert R.,	.	.	Do.
Ingram, James,	.	.	Hillside.
Ingram, John,	.	.	Do.
Jamieson, or Peterson, Peter,	.	.	Gerrigarth of Baliasta.
Leisk, Joseph,	.	.	Uya, Half Grunie, and Wetherholm.
Leisk, George T.,	.	.	Uya.
M'Intosh, Gordon U.,	.	.	Skea & Largness of Baliasta.
Mouat, Charles,	.	.	Gardie and Baliasta.
Mouat, John,	.	.	Springfield and Baltasound.
Mouat, William G.,	.	.	Do.
Ogilvy, John, of Stove,	.	.	Stove.
Russell, John,	.	.	Haroldswick.
Spence, Andrew,	.	.	Haroldswick and Wester- house.
Spence, Gilbert,	.	.	Greenfield and Vergersta.

PARISH OF FETLAR AND NORTH YELL.

Craigie, John, . . .	Houeland, Midfield and Urdiet.
Hoseason, James, . . .	Greenbank and Papal.
Henderson, George, . . .	Burgh Lodge and others.
Hoseason, George, . . .	Basta.
Hoseason, John, . . .	Gutcher and Conister.
Hoseason, David A., . . .	Sellafirth and Bayanne.
Irvine, Thomas, . . .	Midbrake.
Johnston, William, . . .	Scurzie and others.
Pole, William, . . .	Greenbank.
Smith, Gilbert, . . .	Smithfield.
Spence, James, . . .	Houlland and Mursetter.

PARISHES OF MID AND SOUTH YELL.

Bruce, Robert, . . .	Burravoe.
Barclay, James, . . .	Lusetter.
Clark, Magnus, . . .	Holygarth.
Irvine, Robert, . . .	Vatsetter.
Leisk, George, . . .	Burgh, Houll and Cuppister.
Mathewson, Andrew D., . . .	Aywick.
Ogilvy, Charles, of Seafield, . . .	Kirkabister, House, Camb, &c.
Robertson, John, . . .	Otterwich.
Spence, Basil, Jun., . . .	Reafirth and Linkshouse.
Spence, Robert N., . . .	Windhouse.
Smith, William, . . .	W. Sandwick.
Thomson, Robert M., . . .	Swarrister.

PARISH OF DELTING.

Hoseason, James, . . .	Sandwick and North Yell.
M'Intyre, John, . . .	Voxter.
Robertson, Robert, . . .	Swinister.
Sinclair, Magnus, Jun., . . .	Laxobigging.
Smith, Arthur, . . .	Islesburgh.
Smith, John, . . .	Do.

PARISH OF NORTHMAVINE.

Cheyne, Henry,	.	.	.	Tangwick.
Henderson, Gilbert,	.	.	.	Bardister.
Inkster, James,	.	.	.	Brae.
Jamieson, Magnus,	.	.	.	Housetter.
Leisk, Robert,	.	.	.	Hillswick & Hillswickness.
Tulloch, Laurence,	.	.	.	Skelberry.
Sutherland, James,	.	.	.	Hillswick.

PARISH OF NESTING, LUNNASTING, WHALSAY, AND SKERRIES.

Bruce, Robert, Yr., of Symbister,	Esswick.
Bruce, William, of Bigtown,	Do.
Levie, William, minister,	Neep.

In all, 186.

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viz. :—

Number of Male Proprietors of £5 and under £10,.....	60
„ Female Do. Do.,	10
„ Trustees, Do. Do.,	—
„ Male Occupants over £10 and under £50,.....	98
„ Female Do. Do.,	8
„ Trustees for Do. Do.,	—
Total,.....	<u>176</u>

The total number of Landholders and Heritors in the County is 395, while the Indexes in the Valuation Rolls contain 548 entries. It may be added, that the question of new Reform Bills has excited but little attention in Zetland, and that it is the opinion of many that unless a new Bill give the County a separate Member, it need not give any attention to it. Is *that* not worth *trying* for, however?

Valuation Table.

Parishes.	1855.			1860.			Increase.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Unst	2,455	19	11½	3,121	1	6	665	1	7
Fetlar & N. Yell	1,331	18	9¼	1,416	12	5	84	13	7¼
Mid & S. Yell ...	1,277	6	4	1,459	1	10	181	15	6
Delting.....	1,449	1	9¾	1,518	8	1¼	69	6	4
Northmavine ...	1,642	6	3½	1,760	19	11½	118	13	8
Walls, &c.....	1,551	14	6¼	1,666	14	9½	115	0	3¼
Sandsting, &c....	1,441	10	10	1,630	2	2	188	11	4
Tingwall, &c. ...	2,383	2	6	2,856	6	5	473	3	11
Nesting, &c.....	1,512	14	7½	1,606	8	5¼	93	13	10½
Bressay, &c.....	1,197	12	6½	1,220	18	0	23	5	5½
Dunrossness, &c.	2,656	7	3	2,711	1	2½	54	13	11½
Lerwick, &c.. ...	4,479	18	11½	5,065	15	11½	585	17	0
	23,379	14	4½	26,033	10	10	2,653	16	5½

Extent of Lands, &c.

These are designated by the Merk, which indicated value originally, and is still held to do so. The rule of value was by the penny — sixpenny, ninepenny lands, &c. There are 14,200 Merks nearly of all kinds—Udal, Feud, Umbith, Glebe and other lands—but upwards of 300 are wasted by sand-blowing, &c., and which, with 146 Merks of Glebe lands deducted therefrom, there is left about 13,730 for Land Tax and Rogue Money Assessments—a Merk, according to the Prisons' Act, being deemed and taken as equal in value to Two Pounds Scots of valued rent.

The total superficial extent of lands in the County is estimated at 500,000 acres, of which about 26,000 only are cultivated. Acres bear no uniform proportion to Merks land: an acre is commonly estimated at about half a Merk, or, rather, Merks are held to average two acres, or thereby.

Island Valuations.

Names of Islands.	Average rate per Merk.	Merks.	1855.			1860.		
			Values.			Values.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Uyea, Unst	16/8	84	70	0	0	83	18	0
Balta, Do.	16/	15	12	0	0	15	0	0
Hunie, Do.	18/4	3	2	15	0	1	1	4
Hascussay, Yell	20/	24	24	0	0	24	0	0
Samphray, Do.	17/6	24	21	0	0	21	0	0
Bigga, Delting, & Yell	26/	20	26	0	0	26	0	0
Noss, Bressay,	21/8	60	65	0	0	65	0	0
Minsa, Sandwick	29/4	30	44	0	0	44	0	0
Fair Isle, Dunrossness	28/6	96	137	0	0	137	0	0
St. Ninian's, Do.	38/10 ³ / ₄	18	35	0	0	...	...	...
Havera, Quarff	22/2 ³ / ₄	18	20	0	0	25	0	0
Fundray, Tingwall ...	18/6	75	85	6	6	89	9	9
Vaila, Walls	47/11	24	57	10	0	75	0	0
Foula, Do.	37/7 ³ / ₄	63	118	11	6	116	0	0
Veminty, Aithsting	.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Papa Little Do.	153/4	3	18	0	0	18	0	0

NOTE.—The Isles of Haff Grunie and Weather Holm belong to Uyea, and their value is included in the above. Balta had 30 merks originally, but being much wasted by sand-blowing and rabbits is reduced as above. Hunie is also reduced from the first of said causes. St. Ninians is now let along with the lands of Bigton at a *cumulo* rent of £80. Veminty is also let along with lands in Uyeasound, formerly at £82, now at £93 12s. 6d. A certain amount of sheep and stock is held by the tenants of Uyea, Vaila, Veminty, and Papa Little, on the rule of what is called "Steelbow," viz.—the tenants being bound to leave the same number of stock on quitting the Islands, but for the use of which they pay a per centage in addition to the foresaid sums.

The number and value of "outsets," Islands, Holms, &c., in 1855, appears to be 1242=£7893—the value of "outsets" alone being £2448.

The rate for merk in the table is for 1855.

Names of the Islands of Zetland, viz. :-

<i>East Side.</i>	<i>West Side.</i>
MAINLAND.	PAPA STOUR.
YELL.	PAPA LITTLE.
UNST.	VEMINTRY.
FETLAR.	MUCKLEROOE.
WHALSAY.	LITTLEROOE.
BRESSAY.	VAILA.
NOSS.	FOULA.
MOUSA.	TRONDAR.
UYEA.	WEST BURRA.
BALTA.	EAST BURRA.
GREAT LINGA.	HOUSE.
SAMPHRAY.	GREAT HAVERA.
BIGGA.	LITTLE HAVERA.
BROTHER.	NORTH HAVERA.
HUNIE.	HILDASAY.
HASCUPAY.	OXNA.
LINGA.	HOY.
URIE LINGA.	PAPA.
LAMMA.	LONGA.
BROURIE.	ST. NINIAN.
HOUSIE.	•COLSAY.
GRUNA.	FAIR.
HAAF GRUNA.	
HYNARIE.	
EAST LINGA.	
SOUND GRUNA.	

With a greater number of smaller ones, commonly called Holms, but the particular names of which it is perhaps needless to state.

List of Exports.

Cattle.	Yarn.	Salt Saithe.
Ponies.	Stockings.	„ Hake.
Sheep.	Gloves.	„ Trout.
Pigs.	Mittens.	„ Sounds.
Salt Beef.	Mitts.	„ Herrings.
Salt Pork.	Socks.	Smoked Haddocks.
Beef and Pork Hams.	Nightcaps.	Oysters.
Salt Tongues.	Comforters.	Periwinkles.
Smoked Tongues.	Sevarra Frocks.	Whale Oil.
Tallow.	Drawers.	Seal Oil.
Geese.	Shawls.	Cod-liver Oil.
Ducks.	Plaids.	Other do. do.
Hens, &c.	Scarfs.	Seal Skins.
Eggs—various.	Veils.	Otter Skins.
Hides and Horns.	Haps.	Bones.
Calf Skins.	—————	Rags.
Rabbit & Hare Skins.	Salt Ling.	Old Iron.
Butter.	„ Cod.	„ Copper & Brass.
Wool.	„ Tusk.	Chromate of Iron.

It may be observed that the export of Eggs and Periwinkles commenced at comparatively recent periods. Of the former, the Steamer has been known to take away, at one time, upwards of 54,000; and of the latter, upwards of 200 bushels.

Imports.

To enumerate these would be tedious, if not almost impossible, at least in a short time. They may be said to consist of large quantities of some things, and a little of almost everything else in use throughout the kingdom. The chief articles are—

Cloth of all kinds.	Linens.	Leather.
Clothes.	Flannels.	Waterproof Cloaks.
Bedding.	Female Clothing.	Umbrellas.
Cottons.	Skin & other Gloves.	Neckerchiefs.
Silks and Satins.	Boots and Shoes.	Handkerchiefs.

Silk and Satin Stocks.	Wines.	Compasses.
Hats and Caps.	Cordials.	Wood—of sorts.
Needles — all kinds.	Spirits.	Furniture.
Hooks & Eyes, do.	Medicines.	Slates.
Thread, do.	Soaps.	Cement.
Tape, do.	Tobacco.	Carpenters' Tools.
Pins, do.	Snuff.	Joiners' Do.
Buckles, do.	—————	Coopers' Do.
Buttons, do.	Canvas.	Fish Hooks, all sorts.
Oatmeal of sorts.	Duck.	Glass.
Barley „	Twine.	Crystal.
Flour „	Nets.	Stoneware, all kinds.
Biscuit „	Cordage.	Norway Boats.
Barley „	Fishing Lines.	Gigs.
Pease „	Bark.	—————
Sago „	—————	Salt.
Arrowroot „	Anchors.	Coals.
Indian Flour.	Chain Cables.	Clocks.
Ripe & Dried Fruits.	Blocks.	Watches.
Confections, all kinds	Iron.	Books.
Teas.	Zinc.	Stationery.
Coffees.	Lead.	—————
Sugars.	Tin.	Carts.
Ales.	Pewter.	Ploughs.
Beers.	Nails.	Harrows.
Porters.	Paints.	Fanners.
Whisky.	Oils.	Scythes.
Brandy.	Turpentine.	Sickles.
Rum.	Brushes.	Saddles.
Gin.	Tar.	Harness.

The quality and original purity of many of the articles imported into the County is a subject of notorious and universal complaint. The London papers have occasionally, for years, shown to the world what the extent of adulteration was in numerous alimentary substances *there*; and if such has been, and still is, the incontrovertible truth—as has been more or less proved in a multitude of instances before the metropolitan tribunals—it cannot be wondered at that the

Zetland people have cause to complain as observed. Indeed, the question is often asked, What *now* imported is genuine in all respects? and it is a lamentable fact that it is difficult to answer it with certainty in numerous instances, even by world-travelled and scientific men. As regards all articles of an alimentary nature at least, the health of nations and communities would appear to require a legislative measure—Government Analysts everywhere! What, it may be asked, is the use of Sanitary enactments, Boards of Health, and Police Commissioners, when the body of the population of the kingdom are buying and consuming, more or less, if not of actual poison, certainly pernicious substances of one kind or another? Even the staff of life itself is well known to be often most injuriously tampered with.

Naval Coast Volunteers and Reserve Force.

About a hundred and fifty men only entered the first branch, but it is understood that after they had fulfilled their engagement for one year they resigned, and not one entered the regular Navy. Causes for this there were, and they are easily got at, but cannot be explained here.

It seems an unfortunate state of matters that Zetlandmen hold off from accepting the very advantageous terms proposed to them as an inducement to enter Her Majesty's Navy. It is believed, however, that this repugnance arises in a great measure from their utter ignorance of the comparatively solid and certain benefits conferred upon men in that service, universally now.

The recruiting party for the Reserve Force were lately about quitting Lerwick, when some two or three men offered to join, and now between twenty and thirty have engaged, and the big guns have been rigged for practice in Fort Charlotte. But there seems too much *soldiering* in this plan, and if men are really wanted, a *Gunboat* with *picked* Officers and Crew ought to be sent to remain for a year at different stations—say Lerwick, the North Isles, Northmaving, and Walls

or Scalloway, three months at each station; and the Commanding Officer to hold public meetings on shore, at which to explain—*sailor fashion*—to the men the important advantages realized in the service. This done, it is believed that from three to five hundred men might be got, as they could be easily spared without injury to their own avocations, and, under the considerate and humane regulations of the service, with a large pecuniary benefit to themselves, families, and relations.

Six pounds of bounty, with little or no chance, so to say, of being called into active service, combined with pay, aliment, &c. while on drill, and kindly treatment otherwise, is certainly a totally different condition of matters from that which was the routine or regime during the Napoleonic wars—pressgangs, sword in hand, hunting and capturing men over the Islands, as if they were wild beasts; dragging them out of their beds in the dead of night, amidst the screams, shrieks, and terror of wives and children; and the cat o' nine tails in savage operation. Bounties then, nevertheless, were occasionally much higher than now—Mr. Scott, already referred to, giving as high as twenty guineas to each volunteer—he was £600 and upwards in advance to the Admiralty on that business at one time. Nearly two thousand Zetlandmen were raised for the Navy—chiefly by quota and bounties—during the years from 1780 to 1810, and the most of them the best seamen and gunners in the service. Pay, feed, clothe, and treat them kindly, and they are still amongst the best men in the world at almost any work. The writer has had a little experience of their seagoing qualities in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, and knows more.

Table of Distances.

From Lerwick to Uyeasound, Unst,	. . .	<i>by water,</i>	40 miles.
Do. Cullevoe, North Yell,	. . .	"	42 "
Do. Fetlar,	. . .	"	38 "
Do. Burravoe, South Yell,	. . .	"	24 "
Do. Mossbank, Delting,	. . .	"	30 "
Do. Voe,	. . .	<i>by land,</i>	20 "
Do. Brae,	. . .	<i>by water,</i>	25 "
Do. Ollafirth, Northmaving,	. . .	"	35 "
Do. Hillswick,	. . .	"	40 "
Do. Voe, Walls,	. . .	"	24 "
Do. Sandness	. . .	"	30 "
Do. Reawick, Sandsting	. . .	"	15 "
Do. Trista, Aithsting,	. . .	"	13 "
Do. Strome, Whiteness,	. . .	"	9 "
Do. Kergoid, Weisdale,	. . .	"	12 "
Do. Scalloway, Tingwall,	. . .	"	5 "
Do. Neep, Nesting,	. . .	"	10 "
Do. Whalsay,	. . .	<i>by sea,</i>	12 "
Do. Quarff,	. . .	<i>by land,</i>	4 "
Do. Tow, Cunningsburgh,	. . .	"	9 "
Do. Sandlodge, Sandwick,	. . .	"	12 "
Do. Sunburgh, Dunrossness,	. . .	"	25 "

The above distances are approximations merely, but cannot be far wrong, while foot-travellers may find some of them rather under than over, in a warm day, as to fatigue.

Local Conveyances, &c.

Superior little Smacks, with cabins furnished with beds, &c., ply weekly between Lerwick and the "North Isles" all the year round. These are the "Lady Alice," "Matilda," and "Rattlesnake," &c. ; and to Mossbank, Burravoe, and Ollaburgh, for the most of the year, the "Gossamer"—a very swift and handsome Yacht—the "Sylph," and some others ; and for special service the "Gem." Sailing and Row Boats to be had everywhere. The passage fares per Smacks are moderate, being rated according to distance, and range from one to four shillings. Overland, Gigs and Ponies may be had at reasonable charges from three or more parties ; but intending travellers should apply for them as early as possible, since it often happens that from not doing so, parties whose time is circumscribed are seriously inconvenienced.

To strangers intending to proceed any distance, and stay sometime in the interior, it is recommended to bargain for and take an active intelligent man from Lerwick to carry their travelling requirements, &c.

It may also be added in reference to local conveyance, that the want of a fast and otherwise suitable Steamer, for passengers and goods, is much felt, as between Lerwick and the northern parts of the County especially, and which it is thought ought also to pay, under judicious, economical, and energetic management. Compressed blue peat, of which millions of tons may be had, would be a cheap substitute for coal, of which, however, a store may be kept as a stand-by. This is a more important matter than it may appear to many at first sight, or on first thoughts. It involves numerous public as well as private beneficial interests, and if fairly tried would, it is believed, give an impetus to every branch of business, in the north especially, to a much greater proportional extent in a short time than what the mail Steamer has produced over the whole County. Steam and electricity must sooner or later prevail everywhere, and the first plant is, with present experience of both elements, likely to take the best root here.

Post Office Statistics, &c.

Excerpts from "C. S. Gazette," February 18, 1860.

LETTERS.

In 1856-57—134,000, including charged Newspapers, were delivered throughout the County.

In 1834—4,669 Letters only.

In the same years, there were delivered of Newspapers, 27,800 and 2,500 respectively.

POSTAGE REVENUE.

In 1834—£269, and £680 in 1856-7.

MONEY ORDERS.

Paid, in 1840, £947; and in 1856-7, £7,190. Issued said years, £155 and £3,091.

GROSS REVENUE—OUT AND IN.

In 1856-7—£1,450, including commission on Money Orders.

SALARY AND EMOLUMENTS, &c.

Gross Total Expenses,	-	-	£3,270
Gross Salary, &c.	-	-	1,430
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Loss,	-	-	£1,840

in 25 years and nearly 3 months.

Cost of Mail Conveyance by Packet to Peterhead and Aberdeen, viz. :—

By Sailing Packet to Peterhead, commencing 1835, £600 per annum.

To Aberdeen, six months Steam, and six months Sailing Packet, first year, £350.

By the same conveyances thereafter, £900 annually, and more recently, £1,200.

From the "C. S. Gazette," June 9, 1860.

“Will the Commissioners extend their operations to Ultima Thule? Will they give us a weekly Steam Packet all the year round? Will they restore the despatch of our local Mails to their original periods, and order an extra

despatch of them to be set on foot as early after the arrival of the Packet Mail as possible? Will they plant official Sub-offices where required in this County, and prevent Post Letters, formerly held sacred, to be left here and there by the wayside with any person who will take charge of them? Will they abolish Sunday labour in the Post Office here, and thus prevent its Officials from being tempted to break the Divine command, 'Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy,' &c.? Will they pay the poor Postmaster here sufficient to live and not die by? Will they give me a pension for my pecuniary losses, and death of a quarter century of the best part of my life in the service, or a pension for such service? If they give us none of these things, what need we care if the Commissioners are kings or legions?"

The Writer of the foregoing has only to add, that the *statu quo* of all such matters remain, with the exception that the Mails have been conveyed by Steam Packet all this winter, for which no thanks are due to *le grande* authorities. Also, that the Postmaster has *resigned*? Now (June) it is said that £10 of additional salary has been offered by way of retaining fee "*pro tem.*" Next resignation or vacancy of the office it is recommended to dispose of it by auction, *Dutch fashion*, to the *lowest bidder*!

Abstract Number of Merchants, &c.

Merchants and General Dealers,.....	202
Fish-curers,	118
Joiners,	66
Carpenters,	75
Blacksmiths,	28
Masons,.....	120
Tailors,	52
Boot and Shoemakers,.....	70
Weavers,	59

The General and Parish Lists show the numbers, &c. of Professions, Offices, Trades, and Employments,—Fishermen and small Farmers, &c. excepted.

Table of Comparative County Populations, &c.

From Oliver & Boyd's Almanack, &c.—1860.

COUNTIES	Extent in Acres.	Population, 1851.	Valuation, 1860.	Parliamentary Constituency, 1860
			£	
Kinross,	49,531	8,924	49,105	650
Nairn,	137,500	9,956	26,838	157
Selkirk,	170,313	9,809	65,069	394
Peebles,	226,488	10,738	75,639	427
Bute,	109,375	16,608	35,965	629
Clackmannan,	29,744	22,951	68,424	1,318
Sutherland,	1,207,188	25,793	53,790	313
Linlithgow,	64,375	30,135	149,994	554
Orkney,	490,000	31,453	43,193	429
Kincardine,	252,250	34,598	172,924	1,028
Berwick,	309,375	36,297	311,132	1,186
Haddington, ...	185,937	36,386	247,873	655
Caithness,	455,708	38,709	94,539	865
Elgin or Moray,	340,000	38,959	116,851	828
Zetland,	500,000	31,080	26,033	182

The above shows that there is only one County in the number above Zetland in superficial extent, while there are eight with less populations, and one only with a less Parliamentary constituency. The enormous disparity in the figures relative to the most of the Counties, is suggestive of many things; and, with regard to Parliamentary representation, it may be noticed that Zetland is only half a County, as also that Kirkwall is one of six Burghs which returns a Member of Parliament. On the rule of population, at least, Zetland does not appear to be fairly represented. In 1841, it appears that upwards of 160 Cities and Burghs in England, with populations generally not one-half that of Zetland, sent nearly twice that number of Members to the House of Commons.



Part Third.



PARISH LISTS, &c.



THE ISLAND AND PARISH OF UNST.

THIS Island is the north boundary of the group, and also of the United Kingdom. Its latitude and longitude, as made by the celebrated philosopher, "Biot," is as follows:—latitude, $60^{\circ} 45\frac{1}{2}'$ north; longitude, $0^{\circ} 48'$ west of Greenwich. In length it extends about 12 miles north and south, while its mean breadth is nearly 3 miles. In superficial extent it is understood to contain 24,000 acres, or nearly 36 square miles. The external appearance of the Island partakes of the general aspect of the country, while it has also its own distinct peculiarities, especially as an Island—the west side and north end being from 6 to 700 feet high—the hill of Saxaford, however, having a height of 975 feet from base to crown, and the east and south parts slightly undulating, low, and nearly level with lochs interspersed, that of Cliff being 3 miles long.

The geological construction of Unst is superior to the ordinary formations, having abundance of valuable Chromate of Iron, the discovery of Dr. Hibbert, as also Serpentine generally, and the Hydrate of Magnesia, a rare mineral, in Swinanness, opposite the Island of Balta. Chromate has proved a source of considerable wealth to the proprietors since its introduction to public notice, practically by the late lamented Thomas Edmonston, Esq. of Buness, though of late years the expense of working the quarry by machinery has been heavy.

The chief bays or harbours—in the vernacular "Voes"—are Burrafirth on the north, Uyeasound on the south, Baltasound on the east, and Wick on the west side, the second and third being the safest anchorage.

A first-class Light-house has been in full operation on the north part of Unst, called the "Flugga," an off-shore rock, and is a beautiful, as well as an incalculably useful object to the North Sea shipping interests, being also a cheering and enlivening sight to the inhabitants, especially to the fishermen when at sea. Regrets are vain; but such a light there, one hundred years ago, would, there cannot be a doubt, have been the means of saving many a good ship, and valuable life; that of H.M. ship "Hound" amongst the rest, which foundered on the coast of Unst in the end of the year 1800, and which Mr. Scott of Scottshall, R.N., had no little trouble in endeavouring to discover the wreck of. She was last seen near the shoals of Muness, under storm canvas, in a S.E. gale.

In Agricultural condition and capabilities, the Island is superior to that of almost all the other "Isles," the soil being generally strong, and even without the advantage of trenching, draining, and enclosing, rendering fine crops of white and black oats, bear, potatoes, turnips, hay, &c., of great luxuriance and extent in favourable seasons; while the pasture lands produce rich grass, even on what appears to be unfavourable localities.

Of Merksland, the number is 2,270, the rent charges and values for 1860-61, being £3,121. The gross rents and values in 1855, were £2,456, including 128 outsets, &c., the value of which was £429. The merkland value averaged 16s. 10*d.* or thereby. Chromate rendered of clear proceeds in 1857, £1,315; £263 in 1859; and £667 in 1860.

The Population at last census consisted of 1,263 males, and 1,714 females—total, 2,977. The births, deaths, and marriages in 1859, were 70, 41, and 13 respectively.

The Parochial Board consists of the heritors, minister, and elders, Mr. Edmonston of Bunes being Convener, and Laurence Sinclair, Inspector.

The Rev. Gordon W. M'Intosh is Parish Minister, and the Rev. George Robertson, Session Clerk and Registrar, as also Parochial teacher.

Of Mansion Houses, the principal are, Belmont and Bu-

ness ; and the chief places of business, Uyeasound, Baltasound, and Haroldswick.

The distance to Uyeasound from Lerwick, by water, is about 40 miles.

It deserves notice that 300 tons and upwards of fish were cured for the market in Unst, in 1859 ; which, with the quantity used and reserved by the inhabitants, would amount in value to the large sum of about £6,500.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Delivery of Haroldswick.

JOHN SPENCE, SUB-POSTMASTER.

Arthur, Charles, Assembly teacher, Burrafirth.

Baylis, Rev. Edward, Wesleyan minister, Mission House,
Norwick.

Buyer, Thomas, shopkeeper, Haroldswick.

Burn, Andrew, tailor, Norwick.

Clark, Andrew, sailmaker, Skaw.

Dawson, John, chief lighthouse-keeper.

Gray, Andrew, Parish Church elder, Burrafirth.

Henderson, Magnus, Parish Church elder, Bothen.

..... Gilbert, shoemaker, Haroldswick.

..... Charles, Free Church elder, Valsgarth.

Hay, James, Wesleyan local preacher and merchant, Harolds-
wick.

Harrison and Son, merchants and fishcurers, Haroldswick.

Jamieson, John, mason, Clibberswick.

Johnson, Edward, Post-office runner, Haroldswick.

..... John, merchant, Haroldswick.

Laurenson, Andrew, weaver, Norwick.

Mowat, Charles, fishcurer, Free Church elder, &c., Brook-
point.

..... Andrew, shopkeeper, Haroldswick.

Mowat, Barclay, weaver, Norwick.
 Magnus, weaver, Stove.
 Nisbet, Thomas, fishcurer, spirit-dealer, &c., Haroldswick.
 Russel, William, grocer, Haroldswick.
 Sutherland, James, Free Church elder, Burrafirth.
 Alexander, fishcurer, Papil.
 James, tailor, Papil.
 William, Free Church elder, Garratown.
 John, weaver, Garratown.
 Donald, Free Church elder, Skaw.
 Magnus, wheelwright, Tupton.
 Smith, James, Assembly teacher, Norwick.
 Spence, Andrew, fishcurer and merchant, &c., Haroldswick.
 John, merchant and sub-postmaster, &c., Haroldswick.
 Thomson, Andrew, fish-factor, Norwick.
 Anthony, fish-factor, Skaw.
 Winwick, Magnus, fish-factor, Burrafirth.

Places in the Delivery of Haroldswick.

Assembly's School-	Gardie.	Norwick.
house.	Garratown.	North Booth.
Burrafirth.	Greenfield.	Papal.
Budatrake.	Gregarth.	Roadside.
Budegarth.	Gopund.	Skaw (Outer).
Brookpoint.	Houston.	Skeggie.
Bradken.	Houll.	Setter.
Bothen.	Hoyea.	Setter of Cliff.
Braefield.	Hammer of Nor-	Sleton.
Braehead.	wick.	Sotland.
Clibberswick.	Kirkatown.	Spoual.
Clisbow.	Kewhouse.	Stove.
Deal (North).	Lingarth.	Sandfield.
Feal.	Millfield.	Spragatop.
Fealie.	Mullipund.	Setter of Deal.
Fiskawick.	Mullie.	Skaw (Inner).

Troal.	Uphouse.	Villafield.
Tupton.	Vallsgarth.	Westergarth.
Towan.	Vigie.	Watquoy.
Thoft.	Virse.	Westerhouse.
Ungersta.	Valyie.	

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Delivery of Baltasound.

WILLIAM G. MOWAT, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Bruce, Andrew, mason and Free Church officer, Brough.
- Edmondston, Laurence, M.D., corresponding member of the Royal Physical and Wernerian Societies of Edinburgh, and honorary member of the Yorkshire Philosophical and Manchester Natural History Societies, Haligarth.
- David, merchant and fish-curer, &c., Skiphoull.
- Gray, Charles, Sen., cooper and joiner.
- Charles, Jun., miner.
- Ingram, Rev. James, A.M., Free Church minister, Hillside.
- Rev. John, A.M., Free Church minister, Hillside.
- Jamieson, Thomas, merchant, fish-curer, carpenter, &c., Voegarth.
- James, sheriff-officer, Hagdale.
- Johnson, Thomas, carpenter, Hammer.
- M'Intosh, Rev. G. U., Parish minister, Manse.
- Mouat, William, joiner, Mailand.
- Manson, James, merchant, Baliasta.
- James, mason, Clugan.
- Mowat, John, carpenter, Springfield.
- William G., merchant and fish-curer, and sub-postmaster, Springfield.
- Nisbet, Gilbert, tailor, Voegarth.
- Robertson, Rev. George, Parish schoolmaster and session-clerk, schoolhouse, Baliasta.
- Robert, mason, Baliasta.

Spence, William, merchant, Squarefield.
 Sinclair, Laurence, inspector of poor and Free Church session-
 clerk, &c., Skea.
 Stout, James, tailor, Scrafield, Baliasta.
 Thomson, John, merchant.
 John, church officer, Skiphoull.
 Charles, tailor, Deal.
 Charles, shoemaker, Squarefield.
 Williamson, Andrew, merchant, &c., Voegarth.

Places in the Delivery of Baltasound.

Buness.	Hillside.	Rue.
Baliasta.	Hundigarth.	Skipwell.
Brough.	Houlland.	Squarefield.
Brakefield.	Halligarth.	Southiboe.
Brake.	Habbigarth—Bali-	Spieno.
Bigtown.	asta.	Scuraness.
Cliff.	Ingasten.	Surnaness.
Clugan.	Kuehouse, or Quoy-	Skea.
Calback.	house.	Screfield.
Cliffsetter.	Langascule—Bali-	Scarpoe.
Cethoull.	asta.	Stutoft.
Deal (South.)	Lochside.	Springfield.
Fauld.	Manse.	Skiphoull.
Gudetown.	Midgarth.	Setter.
Garragarth (Bali-	Mary Park.	Skeotaing.
asta.)	Mailland.	Urugarth.
Gardy—South the	Millbrae.	Upswall.
Voe.	Mewhouse—Bali-	Usterhouse—Bali-
Gardy of Baliasta	asta.	asta.
Greenroads.	Meal.	Urigarth.
Gatesgord.	Ordale.	Vorsgarth.
Gue—Baliasta.	Parochial School-	Vah.
Hagdale.	house.	Whalegarth.
Hammer.	Pettister.	Watley.
	Woodwick.	

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c. in the delivery of Uyeasound.

ALEXANDER SANDISON, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Brown, George, Free Church elder, Land.
 Bain, John, teacher, Murrister.
 Bruce, Robert, merchant and fish-curer.
 Clark, William, Free Church teacher, Westing.
 George, mason, Hoyersta.
 Davidson, John, cooper, Gunista.
 Fordyce, John, Free Church precentor, Voesgrind.
 Fraser, John, Free Church elder, Sandwick.
 Daniel, Free Church elder, Snarravoe.
 Fordyce, Bruce, Free Church deacon.
 John, shoemaker, Voesgrind.
 Bruce, cooper.
 Alexander, fish-curer.
 Gray, Thomas, tailor, Roonon.
 Robert, sheriff-officer, Lund.
 Hay & Co., merchants and fish-curers.
 Hughson, James, shoemaker, Colvidale.
 Harper, Alexander, boat carpenter, Himiron.
 Henderson, George, lodging-house keeper and boater.
 Isbister, Christopher, Free Church elder, Crosbister.
 Laurence, grocer, Baila.
 Jeffrey, James, farmer, Belmont.
 Jamieson, Charles, Free Church deacon, Sandwick.
 James, Free Church deacon, Garden.
 Laurence, Free Church teacher, Murrister.
 James blacksmith, Roonon.
 Donald, mason, &c. Hogaland.
 Leisk, Joseph, joiner, farmer, grazier, &c. Isle of Uyea.
 Thomas, cooper, Kirkness.
 Mowat, Mrs. Capt. W. C., of Garth, Belmont.
 Mill, J. B., of Lund, Lund.
 Mitchell, James, blacksmith.

Mitchell, William, watchmaker.
 Mowat, Andrew, joiner, &c., Ramnagoe.
 John, &c., Ramnagoe.
 Nisbet, John, blacksmith, Garden.
 James, merchant and fish-curer.
 Ogilvy, Matthew, Free Church teacher, Sandwick.
 Robertson, Thomas C., mason, &c., Murrister.
 Sandison, Alex., sub-postmaster, and manager for Hay & Co.
 Smith, Thomas A., fish-curer, Voesgrind.
 Sandison, William, weaver, Gunista.
 Smith, Gilbert, Free Church elder, Voesgrind.
 Samuelson, Archibald, Free Church elder, Quoy.
 Smith, James, M.D., Clivocast.
 Sandison, John, wheelwright, merchant, lodging-house
 keeper, &c.
 Spence, John, fish-curer, Brighton.
 Stout, John, shoemaker, Underhoul.
 Spence, Abraham, shoemaker, Wattly.
 Sinclair, Andrew, slater, Mailand.
 Thomson, James, sheriff-officer and Free Church elder,
 Muness.
 Laurence, teacher, Romnagoe.
 Williamson, Thomas, church officer.
 Andrew, church officer.
 James, shoemaker, Newgord.
 James, shoemaker, Ramnagoe.
 Winwick, James D., mason, &c., Sandwick.

Places in the Delivery of Uyeasound.

Belmont.	Burragarth.	Braefield.
Broomhill.	Baila.	Brough—Colidale.
Bracknagarth	Bigton.	Colvidale.
(East.)	Beergardy.	Clivocast.
Bracknagarth	Blytho't.	Clipperagarth.
(West.)	Bondabrake.	Crobistetter.
Bruce Hall.	Burnside.	Collaster.

Calback.	Lund.	Sinderquoy.
Dandysquoy.	Munister.	Snarravoe.
Framgord.	Muness.	Stourhoull.
Failie.	Murrisetter.	Snabrough.
Gardie (South.)	Mailand (South.)	Scollay.
Gardies Fauld.	Moulla.	Stackhoull.
Garden.	Millagord.	Swinaness.
Greatquoy.	Moorings.	Surehouse.—Sand-
Gunista.	Newgord.	wick.
Goes.	Newgarth.	Tofton.
Gradabutton.	Nustigarth.	Uyeasound.
Hamrigarth.	Oganess.	Umbot.
Hunigarth.	Quoy.	Underhoull.
Hoversta.	Quayhouse.	Uresgarth.
Hogaland.	Ramnagoe.	Uyea (Isle).
Hammer (South.)	Roonon.	Voesgrind.
Houllnon.	Roogarth.	Vatnagorth.
Himmeron.	Roekfield.	Valild.
Hambooth.	Savedale.	Viggie.
Kirkmyres.	Smirgarth.	Vinstric.
Kirk Know.	Sandwick.	Wattly.
Kiln.	Still.	West the Burn.
Littlagarth.		Wadbuster.

Number of Merchants and Tradesmen &c., in Unst.

Merchants, ..	22
Fish-curers, ..	20
Boat Carpenters, ..	4
Blacksmiths, ..	3
Masons, ..	9
Joiners, ..	4
Wheel-wrights, ..	2
Weavers, ..	6
Tailors, ..	6
Shoemakers, ..	7

FETLAR AND NORTH YELL.

THE combination of the Island of Fetlar with the north part of the Island of Yell into one parish, is one of the many ecclesiastical anomalies of the same kind throughout the country, now happily remedied in this case by the permanent appointment of a Missionary of the Established Church. Fetlar is 7 miles long east and west, and 5 miles broad, is generally high, but producing good pasture for sheep and cattle; and the lower arable lands excellent crops of the ordinary kinds. The large Bay of Fresta lies on the south side, and Gruting Bay or Voe on the north-east; both having good anchorage, especially with the wind off shore. The chief mansion house in the Island is that of Burgh Lodge, which, with the greater part of the lands, belong to Sir Arthur Nicolson of Nicolson, Baronet.

The principal places of business are at Aith and Smithfield.

The district of North Yell is 6 miles long north and south, by 5 in breadth, and has a very rugged general outline, while, in the valleys, the lands are much more regular. The hand of husbandry is at work in gradual improvements, and, with steady perseverance, this will ere long be a thriving portion of the country. Its principal voes or harbours are Bastavoe, Cullivoe, and Gloupvoe. The chief houses and places of business are Gloup, Midbrake, Greenbank, and Cullivoe.

The Merks Land in the parish amount to 1,429, and the valuation for 1860, £1,416—the highest rent being £10. The gross rental in 1855 was £1,332, and which embraced £129 for 38 outsets, &c. The rent charge and value per merk averaged 17s. 7½d.

Of Population, at last census, the number was 1,656—657 males, and 999 females—and the Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in 1859, 36, 32, and 7 respectively.

The Rev. David Webster is Parish Minister, the Rev. Mr. Crabb, Missionary, and Mr. Houstin, Parochial Teacher.

The distance from Lerwick to Cullivoe, by sea, is about 42 miles, and by the post route nearly 50. The distance to Burgh Lodge by water is about 38 miles.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c. in the Delivery of North Yell.

SUB-POST-OFFICE, CULLIVOE—PETER M. SANDISON,
SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Anderson, Andrew, mason, Houll.
 . . . James, mason, Sandwick.
 Bain, Thomas, tailor, Cullivoe.
 Crabb, Rev. James, R. B. missionary, Houland.
 Fraser, James D. sheriff officer, &c., Midbrake.
 Charles, joiner, Midbrake,
 Goudie, Gavin, tailor, Cullivoe.
 Hoseason, John, carpenter, Gutcher.
 David A. fish-curer, Bayanne.
 Henderson, David, cooper, Cullivoe.
 Houston, John S., parochial teacher, Braeside.
 Irvine, Thomas, land-surveyor, Midbrake.
 Jamieson, Margaret, small dealer, Bayanne.
 M'Intosh, Rev. Angus, Free Church missionary, Millby.
 Moar, William, grocer, Bark-house.
 Andrew, shoemaker, Gutcher.
 John D., blacksmith, Moarfield.
 Thomas, shoemaker, Cunnister.
 Alexander, shoemaker, Breakord,
 . . . John A. weaver, West the Frith.
 Daniel, shoemaker, Basta.
 David, boat-carpenter, Colvister.

Nisbet, Gilbert S., grocer, Cunnister.
 Pole, William, merchant, &c., Greenbank.
 Peterson, John T., assembly teacher, Sellafirth.
 Robertson, Thomas, church officer, Lingarth.
 Robert J., grocer, Norniegarth.
 Sandison, Peter M., sub-postmaster, &c. Cullivoe.
 Alexander and Co., merchants and fish-curers, &c., Cullivoe.
 Sutherland, Bruce, grocer, Turfhouse.
 Spence, James, farmer, Mursetter.
 Alexander, weaver, Houlland.
 John, wheelwright, Breakon.
 Scollay, George, grocer, Gutcher.
 Sutherland, Thomas, tailor, Turfhouse.
 Scollay, James, weaver, West the Frith.
 Tullock, Robert, shoemaker, Greemster.
 Laurence, mason, West the Frith.
 Andrew, weaver, Vigon.
 Laurence, carpenter, Vigon.
 Williamson, Thomas, mason, Burraness.
 William, mason, Burraness.
 William, mason, West the Frith.

Places in the Delivery of Cullivoe.

Backhouse.	Cunnister.	Gloup-House.
Brackon.	Colvasetter.	Houlland.
Burgh.	Dalsetter.	Houll.
Burrabrake.	Failzie.	Kirkabister.
Braeside, Parochial	Faxigarth.	Kirkhoull.
Schoolhouse.	Graven.	Kellister.
Burraness.	Gloup.	Loigie.
Bigsetter.	Grind of Littler.	Lingarth.
Bayanne.	Greenbank.	Littler.
Basta.	Greemsetter.	Midfield.
Cullivoe.	Gutcher.	Midbrake.

Millby Cottage.	Papal.	Setter of Sandwick.
Moarfield	Setter of West the	Sellafrith.
Midkay	Frith.	Toft.
Nipe of Setter.	Stonganess.	Turf House.
Nornigarth.	South Garth.	Uncodale.
Ness of Littler.	Stonesetter.	Vigon.
North Garth.	Sandwick.	Virdick.
Park of Stonganess.		West the Frith.

Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in
North Yell.

Merchants,	8
Fish-curers,	3
Boat-Carpenters,	3
Blacksmith,	1
Masons,	6
Joiner, 1 ; Wheelwright, 1,	2
Weavers,	4
Tailors,	3
Shoemakers,	5
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**Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Delivery
of the Island of Fetlar.**

SERVED UNDER THE SUB-OFFICE AT LINKSHOUSE.

Anderson, David, tailor, Snaburgh.
 Thomas, merchants, Sherva.
 Brown, Edward, shepherd, North Dale.
 Jerome, merchant, North Dale.
 Donaldson, Thomas, mason, Croshister.
 Garthson, Jacob, rancelman, Littlaland.
 Garson, Barbara C., merchant, Feal.
 Gardner, Laurence, mason, South Dale.

Henderson, Arthur, fish-curer, Funzie.
 Hunter, James, joiner, Bailigarth.
 Henderson, Thomas, merchant, Aith.
 Hart, Laurence, weaver, Thohton.
 Hunter, James, sen., mason, Newerhouse.
 Inkster, Peter, society teacher and session clerk, Still.
 Jamieson, John, merchant, Hubie.
 Johnston, Andrew, shepherd, Tresta.
 Jamieson, John, shepherd, Gruton.
 Jerome, rancelman, Hubie.
 Murray, Thomas, rancelman, Aith.
 Millar, Thomas, shoemaker, Odsta.
 Nicolson, Sir Arthur, of Nicolson, baronet, Burgh Lodge.
 Peterson, Peter, tailor, Hammer.
 Petrie, Garth, fish-curer, Aithsness.
 Smith, Gilbert, merchant, &c., Smithfield.
 Scotlay, Charles, church officer and inspector of poor, Tresta.
 Thomson, Charles C., joiner, Velzie.
 Tait, Thomas, boat-carpenter, Scarpigarth.
 Webster, Rev. David. A.M., parish minister, Manse.
 Williamson, John, weaver, Funzie.

Places in the Delivery of the Island of Fetlar.

Aith.	Coubal.	Grutton.
Aithness.	Crosebister.	Gardie.
Aithsbank.	Clodon.	Hammers Ness.
Averland.	Dale (North).	Hammer.
Burgh Lodge.	Dale (South).	Houby.
Bealands.	Everland.	Houll.
Bella.	Frackasetter.	Hellersness.
Bealagarth.	Fancy-knows.	Kirkhouse.
Bydon.	Feal.	Leegarth.
Booth of Urie.	Funzie.	Littlaland.
Cunningsgarth.	Foreland.	Longhouse.
Cubinsthoft.	Frogafield.	Lambhoga.

Mause of Fetlar.	Setter.	Thofts of Newer-
Mongersdale.	Sevankathoft.	house.
Newerhouse.	Shurra.	Tisstoby.
Odsetter.	Scarpogarth.	Trista.
Odsta.	Still, or School-	Thofton.
Quarrie.	house.	Thofts.
Rullapund.	Smithfield.	Useasetter.
Rusetter.	Seord.	Urie.
Sand.	Strand.	Urasetter.
Snaburgh.	Tugrafield.	Velzie.
Springfield.		Wallsgarth.

Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in the
Island of Fetlar.

Merchants,	6
Fish-curers,	2
Boat-Carpenter,	1
Masons,	3
Joiners,	2
Weavers,	2
Tailors,	2
Shepherds,	3
Shoemaker,	1
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PARISH OF MID AND SOUTH YELL.

THIS Parish is thirteen miles long N.N.E. and S.S.W. and seven in extreme breadth. It is bounded on the North by North Yell; on the east by the Islands of Unst and Fetlar; and the Ocean; on the south by the Frith of Lumna; and on the west by Yell Sound, and the Sea. Its largest Harbours are Whalefirthvoe, Mid Yellvoe, Hamnavoe, and Burravoe; but there are several smaller ones and a number of Geos and inlets suitable for sheltering boats. The middle and west side are hilly and bleak, and abounding with an extent of moss, almost beyond calculation especially in depth. Its agricultural condition, however, is much superior to what first glances indicate, and along Mid Yellvoe, the east side, south end, and West Sandwick on the west side, with some places north thereof, the contrast between the luxuriant crops in a fine summer, and the sombre moss-clad hills, is peculiarly impressive, while the efforts at improving the soil are gradually though slowly extending,—flat dead moss itself being made to render fine crops of black oats, &c.

The number of Merksland is 1080, while the total statute Acres in the entire parish is about forty thousand.—The money value per Valuation Roll for 1860, is £1459, the highest rent being £36.—The gross rents and values for 1855, were £1,277,—the number of outsets &c.; 62, and their value £162—per merk, the average value was £1 9s. 9½d.

In 1851, the population was 1,741, or 703 Males and 1,038 Females.—The Births, Deaths, and Marriages in 1859, were 51, 26, and 9 respectively.

The Rev. James Barclay is Parish Minister : and Robert Mathison, session clerk.

Of Mansion houses, the chief are at Windhouse, Burravoe, Westsandwick, and Gossaburgh, but both the latter contrast sadly with what they once were, especially the latter.

The most bustling places of business are at Mid Yell and Burravoe.

The distance of Burravoe from Lerwick, by water, is about twenty four miles, and, by the Post route, thirty-four.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Delivery of Mid Yell.

SUB-OFFICE, LINKSHOUSE—JAS. WILLIAMSON,
SUB-POSTMASTER.

Anderson, Charles, merchant, Gardesting.

Barclay, Rev. James, Parish minister, and agent for the
Fishermen's and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society,
Manse, Susetter.

Guthrie, W., weaver, Hammersgarth.

Hoseason, Andrew, inspector of poor, Hillend.

Jamieson, Andrew, merchant, Greemista.

..... Peter, mason, Altona.

Johnson, Thomas, sheriff-officer.

..... Robert, merchant, Raga.

..... Bartle, mason, Raga.

Leisk, Thomas, fish-curer, Vatsetter.

Mathewson, Robert, session clerk, &c., Vatsetter.

Mann, Gilbert, shepherd, Graveland.

Omand, James, weaver, Bousetter.

Russell, Robert, blacksmith, Garths.

Robertson, Mathew, ranselman, Camb.

..... Peter, mason, Garderhouse.

Smith, Henry, merchant, Setter.

Thomson, William, joiner, Reafirth.

Thomason, Robert, shepherd, Windhouse.

Williamson, James, merchant, sub-postmaster, &c. Linkshouse.

Williamson, Ingram, webster, Netherhoull.

..... Arthur, weaver, Grindalee.

..... Thomas G., tailor, Vatshie.

..... Basil, church officer, Gardie.

Places in the Delivery of Linkshouse.

MID YELL.

Aywick.	Hivdigarth.	Poverty.
Altana.	Haracle.	Quam.
Bouster.	Houll.	Raga.
Backa.	Hillhouse.	Reafirth.
Bongarth.	Holsigarth.	Stivler.
Clingra.	Hammersgarth.	South Lady.
Camb.	Hascussay (Isle.)	Seafield.
Camb (Lee of)	Havers-de-Green.	Setter.
Crownest.	Holygarth.	Scatland.
Effstigarth.	Keywick.	Too.
Gardies Ness.	Kirkabister.	Uttrabister.
Grindabister.	Linkshouse.	Uralie.
Grassfield.	Lumbasetter.	Uphouse.
Grind.	Lee of Camb.	Volasetter.
Garderhouse.	Manse (Mid Yell)	Vatshie.
Greemista.	or Lusatter.	Vatsetter.
Graveland.	Moorbrae.	Windhouse.
Gardie.	Midbye.	Westerhouse
Gardiesting.	Newtown.	(North.)
Garths of Gardie.	North Lady.	Westerhouse
Grindalee.	Nesterhouse.	(South.)
Grummon (North.)	Ness of Gardie.	Wart.
Grummon (South.)		Westsandwick.

Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in
Mid Yell.

Merchants,	6
Fish-curers,	2
Blacksmith,	1
Masons,	3
Joiner,	1
Wheelwright,	1
Weavers,	4
Tailor,	1
Shepherds,	2
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Professions, Offices, Trades, &c. in the Delivery
of East Yell.

SUB-OFFICE, PAROCHIAL SCHOOLHOUSE—ANDREW D.
MATHEWSON, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Anderson, James H., farmer, Midby.
 Bain, Mrs. John, Aywick.
 Andrew, fish-curer, Aywick.
 Bartleson, Laurence, mason, &c. Aywick.
 Fraser, Thomas, shepherd, Queyan.
 Gardner, William, mason, &c. Midgarth.
 Hughson, Hugh, merchant, Gossaburgh.
 Johnson, Mrs., grocer, Aywick.
 Leisk, Mrs., merchant, Valsetter.
 Mathewson, Andrew D., parochial schoolmaster, registrar,
 land and marine surveyor, Schoolhouse.
 Andrew D., Jun., merchant and sub-postmaster, &c.
 Schoolhouse.
 Robert, wheelwright, Uralee.
 Mouat, Arthur, mason, Aywick.
 Nicolson, Malcolm, cooper, Geodan.
 Petrie, John, tailor, Swarrister.
 Scollay, Daniel, carpenter, Swarrister.

Thomson, William, carpenter, Aywick.
 Williamson, Arthur, weaver, Grindalee.
 John, weaver, Middleburgh.
 Thomas G., tailor, Vatsie.

Places in the Delivery of East Yell.

Aywick.	Lea.	Schoolhouse—Sub-
Barrier.	Lambhouse.	Post-office.
Booth.	Midby.	South Westerhouse.
Burns.	Middlebrough.	Stole of Aywick.
Cornhill.	Midgarth.	Stonebrae.
Camb.	Newfield.	Springfield.
Dales.	Northhoull.	Swarrister.
Easterhouse.	Newhouse.	Thoft.
Flibban.	North Aywick.	Too.
Garths.	North Westerhouse.	Uralee.
Geodan.	Otterswick.	Vatsetter.
Gossaburgh.	Punds.	Vatsie.
Grindalee.	Quoyan.	Viewfield.
Holygarth.	Ramnigoe.	Wart.
Houll.	Saddlehouse.	Westerhouse.
	South Aywick.	

Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in East Yell.

Merchants,	4
Fish-curer,	1
Boat-Carpenters,	2
Masons,	3
Wheelwright,	1
Weavers,	2
Tailors,	2
Shepherd,	1

**Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the delivery
of South Yell.**

BURRAVOE.

WILLIAM HENDERSON, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Anderson, Thomas, grocer, Houlland.
 Arthur, John, mason, Hamnavoe.
 Bruce, Robert, merchant, &c. Burravoe.
 Bain, Robert, society teacher, Burravoe.
 Danielson, Magnus, mason, Hamnavoe.
 Forbes, Rev. Oliver, R.B. missionary, Burravoe.
 Grant, William, farmer and cattle dealer, Arisdale.
 Peter, farmer and cattle dealer, Arisdale.
 Henderson, George, merchant, &c.
 William, merchant and sub-postmaster, &c.
 Hay, Gilbert, church elder, Kellister.
 Henderson, Bruce, sheep farmer, Arisdale.
 Johnson, Thomas, fish-curer, Burravoe.
 Jeromson, Andrew, mason, Burravoe.
 Johnson, Nicol, weaver and rancelman, Hamnavoe.
 Mathewson, Thomas, sheriff officer, Kellister.
 Mouat, Gilbert, church officer, Hamnavoe.
 Mathewson, Magnus, grocer, Burravoe.
 Nicolson, Malcolm, cooper, Gossaburgh.
 Odie, John, sheriff officer, Neep-o-back.
 Thomas, carpenter, Burnthill.
 Omond, Thomas, fish factor, Houlland.
 Paterson, Mrs., lodging-house keeper, Burravoe.
 Pole, Magnus, rancelman, Kettlasetter.
 Robertson, Robert, mason, Neep-o-back.
 James, mason, Hamnavoe.
 Russel, Robert, blacksmith, Burravoe.
 Sutherland, William, Navy pensioner, Burravoe.
 Donald, Senior, fish factor, Cuppister.
 Donald, Junior, grocer, Cuppister.
 Telford, Rev. William, preacher, Burravoe.

Tait, James, ploughman, Shore, Burravoe.
 Tulloch, James, weaver, church elder, Littlasetter.
 Wood, John, carpenter and joiner, Littlasetter.
 Williamson, William, shoemaker, Geodon.
 Gilbert, fish-curer, Burravoe.
 John, pilot, Park of Burravoe.

Places in the Delivery of Burravoe.

Burranness.	Giggleswick.	Littlasetter.
Burravoe.	Galtigarth.	Maryfield.
Brough.	Hamnavoe.	Kettlasetter.
Burnteil.	Houlland.	Neep-o-back.
Gentletown.	Lochside.	Pund.

Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in Burravoe, South Yell.

Merchants,	4
Fish-curers,	5
Boat-carpenter,	1
Blacksmith,	1
Masons,	4
Joiner,	1
Weaver,	1
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Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Delivery of West Yell.

U L S T A.

WILLIAM J. WILLIAMSON, SUB-POSTMASTER.

Galt, Thomas, shoemaker, Netherhoull.
 Johnson, John, merchant, shoemaker, elder, &c., Lind Burn.
 James, merchant, Sound.
 Henry, mason, North Burn.

Jamieson, John, mason, West Sandwick.
 James, shoemaker, West Sandwick.
 Leisk, John, church officer, West Yell.
 Manson, Thomas, fish-curer, &c., West Sandwick.
 Robert, church officer, Brough.
 Nicolson, Andrew, carpenter, West Sandwick.
 Ramsay, William, shoemaker, Brough.
 Sinclair, Robert, fish factor, Cuppiston.
 Thomason, John, shoemaker and post-runner, Ulsta.
 Tait, Laurence, weaver, Sound.
 Williamson, William J., sub-postmaster, &c.
 Yates, Thomas, shoemaker, Netherhoull.

Places in the Delivery of Ulsta.

Arisdale.	Moorbank, West Yell.
Averhoull.	Molligarth, do.
Bacca—West Sandwick.	North Lady—West Sandwick.
Brough—West Yell.	Noosterhouse, do.
Booth of Sound—West Yell.	Newtown, do.
Booth of Cuppister.	North Hall—West Sandwick.
Crow's Nest—West Sandwick.	Netherhoull—West Yell.
Crago—West Yell.	Nive, do.
Clothan, do.	North-a-burn, do.
Croe—Cuppister.	North Pund of Ulsta.
Cuppister.	Nettle Hall—Cuppister.
Everhoull.	Northhouse, do.
Gunigarth—West Sandwick.	Newhall, do.
Gardins—West Yell.	Oldhall, do.
Grind—Cuppister.	Pund—West Sandwick.
Harkland—West Sandwick.	Pund—West Yell.
Hillhouse, do.	Pund of South-west Yell.
Houll, do.	Rattletown—West Yell.
Kirkhouse—West Yell.	South Lady—West Sandwick.
Klickimin, do.	South Hall, do.
Lee of Bacca—West Sandwick.	Sound—West Yell.
Lind Burn—West Yell.	Smithfield, do.

Setter, West Yell.	Viga— West Yell.
Swinesgarth—Ulsta.	Wham—West Sandwick.
South-house—Ness of Cup- pister.	Wart, do.
Seattlands—West Sandwick.	Whays of Setter—West Yell.
Ulsta.	Wirle, do.

**Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in
Ulsta and West Yell.**

Merchants,	3
Fish-curers,	2
Carpenter,	1
Masons,	2
Weaver,	1
Shoemakers,	5
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PARISH OF DELTING.

THIS parish is bounded on the east by the district of Lun-nasting and the sea; on the south by Weisdale and Whiteness; on the west by Northmaving and Saint Magnus Bay; and on the north by Yell Sound. Its length is about 16 miles north and south, by 8 in extreme breadth, exclusive of the Island of Muckle Roe. The surface of the parish is much diversified by hill and dale, and its sea-coast very irregular; the latter being indented with several voes—Collafirth Voe, Dale's Voe, and Firth's Voe on the east; Busta and Olnafirth Voes on the south; Toft's Voe, Garth's Voe, and Sullom Voe on the north—all of which have, more or less, good anchorage and shelter for shipping.

The agricultural state of the parish is gradually improving, in reference to the limited field which it affords for agricultural operations—Scotch ploughs, harrows, &c., being in operation in two or three places instead of the old one-stilted plough and wooden teethed harrows. Much of the ground, however, is, in its present condition, not susceptible of being wrought by the plough—while, as long as the lands are so much subdivided, spade husbandry must necessarily be the general mode of cultivation. The highest rent paid by a single tenant is £82. The number of merks land in Delting is 867, and the gross rents for 1860, £1,518. The gross total rental in 1855, was £1,449; the number of outsets, &c., was 124, and the rent of these £430. The rent of the 867 merks, was £1,019, or on an average rent of £1 3s. 6d. per merk.

In 1851, the population was 2,124—906 males, and 1,218 females; but it must be always borne in mind that the census is taken in April, when great numbers of the males are

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absent. In 1859, the births were 55, deaths 30, and marriages 8.—Thomas Gifford, Registrar.

The poor are supported by a legal assessment, under the first mode provided by the statute. Mr. James Louttit, Brae, is Collector and Inspector.

The Rev. John McIntyre is Parish Minister.

Of mansion houses, the principal are Busta and Mossbank. The former is prettily situated, and surrounded by gardens and a little wood, and has more the air of an old family seat than most residences in the Islands, albeit many modern mansions of far greater extent and convenience are now to be found in Shetland. Near the House of Busta is to be seen one of the ancient standing stones before referred to as among the antiquities of the Islands.

The chief places of business are Mossbank, Voe, and Brae, and their respective distances from Lerwick are 30, 20, and 25 miles, or thereby, overland.

It may be added, that in Delting, as in every other parish in Shetland, the great body of the male population who remain at home during the summer months, give their attention chiefly to the Ling, Cod, and Tusk fishing—the staple produce of the islands.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c. in the District of Brae.

JAMES INKSTER, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Anderson, Charles, gardener, Brae.
 Donald, quarryman, Scatsta.
 James, mason, Mangister.
 John, weaver, Trondavoe.
 Arthur, cattle dealer, Trondavoe.
 John and George, boot and shoemakers, Hardwall.
 Bain, Rev. James, Free Church minister, Brae.
 Fraser, Rev. James, Congregational minister, Sullom.

- Fraser, Peter, Free Church teacher, Isle of Roe.
 Gifford, Thomas, factor on the estate of Busta, parochial registrar, &c. Busta.
 Andrew, Free Church deacon, Burravoe.
 Gaunson, Hay, mason, Scatsta.
 Henderson, Andrew, merchant, Clothister.
 Harvey, Arthur, joiner, Wethersta.
 Inkster, James, merchant, fish-curer, cattle grazier, &c. Brae.
 Jamieson, Arthur, Free Church officer, Joppa.
 Louttit, James, Assembly teacher, inspector of poor, &c. Brae.
 Mouat, Arthur, fish-curer, &c. Innbanks.
 McIntyre, Rev. John, parish minister, Voxter.
 Robertson, Peter, merchant, Sullom.
 Robert, Free Church elder, Saltness.
 Gilbert, Free Church elder, Wethersta.
 Andrew, quarryman, Brae.
 Smith, Arthur, farmer and cattle dealer, &c. Islesburgh.

Places in the Delivery of Brae.

Brae.	Innbanks.	Sullam.
Burland.	Islesburgh.	Saltness.
Burravoe.	Joppa.	Scatsta.
Busta.	Lunaster.	South Town.
Clothester.	Mangaster.	Trondavoe.
Fowlawick.	Midbrae.	Tonnabrage.
Haggrister.	Muckle-Roe Isle.	Uphouse.
Haggrister-Ness,	North Brae.	Voxter.
Hardwall.	Pund of Trondavoe.	Weathersta.
Hill Cottage.	Pund of Wethersta.	Weathersta-Ness.

Additional inhabited places taken from Valuation Roll.

Faint Hall.	Milten Hall.	Newport.
Garderhouse.	Midtown.	Roesound.
Island of Roe.		

Some of the above places are in the district of Ollaberry; correspondents should therefore observe to address their letters accordingly.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the District of Voe.

THOMAS M. ADIE, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Adie, Thomas M., merchant, fish-curer, grazier, cattle dealer,
&c. Voe.
- Anderson, James, joiner, Grobesness.
..... Joseph, rancelman, Grobesness.
- Duncan, Thomas, rancelman, Collafirth.
..... Christopher, weaver, Grobesness.
- Henderson, Robert, mason, Hammers, Susetter.
- Hall, Robert, weaver, Gonfirth.
- Hughson, Hugh, weaver, Collafirth.
- Hutchison, John, tailor, Olnafirth.
- Jamieson, Alexander, church elder, Levances.
- Peter, rancelman, Susetter.
- Jacobson, Peter, rancelman, Setter.
- Jamieson, Andrew, church elder, Easterscord.
- Manson, Peter, Parish Church elder, &c. Quam.
..... John, farmer, grazier, &c. Southerhouse.
..... Henry, weaver, post runner, &c. Garths of Susetter.
- Peterson, Robert, merchant, Collafirth.
..... Peter, mason, Marrafield.
- Robertson, Adam, rancelman, &c. Kirkhouse.
- Scollay, Gilbert, sawyer, Sursetter.
- Tait, Andrew, Jun., shoemaker, Grobesness.
- Thomson, Andrew, post runner, Flett.
..... Andrew, weaver, Weathersta.

Places in the Delivery of Voe.

Area—District of Nesting.	Blendigarth—East Hill, Delting.
Billaster, do.	Broonigarth—Olnafirth, do.
Burns, do.	Booth—Grobesness, do.
Braikin—East Hill, Delting.	Burns—Lunnaness, Lunnasting.
Bennygarth, do. do.	Braiks—Lunna, Lunnasting.

Bunnydale, do.	do.	Hillend—Olnafirth,	do.
Collafirth—East Hill, Delting.		Hoga,	do. do.
Collafirthness, do.	do.	Holligarth—East Hill, Delting.	
Club,	do. do.	Hamragrind,	do. do.
Camperdown, do.	do.	Hubinsetter,	do.
Coal—(Outset), Delting.		Houses—Grobesness,	do.
Deal—Westhill,	Delting.	Hoyags—Lunnaness, Lunnas-	ting.
Donnaranie—Grobesness, do.			
Doghole—Southside, Lunnas-	ting.	Hamuavoe — Lunnaness, Lunnas-	ting.
Dockholegate.		Highdyke—Lunna, Lunnasting.	
Doory—Nesting.		Hyvda—Grobesness, Delting.	
Easterscord—Westhill, Delting.		Kirkhouse—Olnafirth, do.	
East Uigarth—Lunnasting.		Knolle vel Moon—South Voxter,	Delting.
East Dyke,	do.		
Flotten—Westhill, Delting.		Kirkabister—Lunnasting.	
Flett—Olnafirth,	do.	Kirkhouse,	do.
Floddens — Southside, Lunnas-	ting.	Lea of Gonfirth, Delting.	
Farout.		Lady,	do.
Flugarth — Southside, Lunnas-	ting.	Lunna—Lunnasting.	
Garden—East Hill, Delting.		Lunnin,	do.
Gruting—West Hill,	do.	Littlagil,	do.
Gardy	do. do.	Langknoll,	do.
Garths of Susetter,	do.	Lochend,	do.
Gurrel—Olnafirth,	do.	Levaneep,	do.
Gonfirth, do.	do.	Laxa,	do.
Grobesness, do.	do.	Loch,	do.
Garden—Lunnasting.		Lodie,	do.
Greenroads, do.		Laxfirth—Nesting.	
Grinds,	do.	Marrasfield—Olnafirth, Delting.	
Gillsbrake, do.		Millburn,	do. do.
Greenmeadows, do.		Mires—Lunnaness, Lunnasting.	
Gunhouse, do.		Marradale— do.	do.
Garths of Billaster—Nesting.		March—Swining,	do.
Gardie of Durie,	do.	Midfield, do.	do.
Grunnicfirth—Nesting.		Moon, Lunnasting.	
Garth,	do.	Muckle-Ayre, do.	
Hammers—East Hill, Delting.		Murrin,	do.
		Mills—Billaster, Nesting.	
		Mouness.	

Northerhouse—Delting.	Susister—Olnafirth, Delting.
Newhouse—Olnafirth, Delting.	Setter, do. do.
Nicietown—Lunnanes, Lunnasting.	Setter—Lunnanes, Lunnasting.
North Griud—Lunna, Lunnasting.	Spring—Sweening, do.
North Lea—Lunnasting.	Sandwick, do. do.
Nigarth, do.	Sweening, do.
Newhouse, do.	Springfield, do.
Orgill, do.	Southerhouse, do. do.
Old Schooltown, do.	Smithy Cottage, do. do.
Ollagarth, do.	South-Lea, do.
Olnafirth—Voe, Delting.	Treawick, do.
Pund of Levaneep—Lunnasting.	Tonnisdale, do.
Pund Bank, do.	Tooa, do.
Pundishole, do.	Tarrarite, do.
Packin, do.	Toftin—West Hill, Delting.
Pund Luning, do.	Tronaster—Lunnasting.
Pund of Voe—Olnafirth, Delting.	Toog.
Pund of Lunna—Lunnasting.	Uphouse—Skelberry, Lunnasting.
Pund of Freister—Nesting.	Uddelstoft—East Hill, Delting.
Queeness—Lunnasting.	Ube, do.
Quam (or Wham)—East Hill, Delting.	Utrabister—Lunnanes, Lunnasting.
Queys—Nesting.	Voe—Olnafirth, Delting.
Quinster, Delting.	Valure—Lunnasting.
Rocclair—East Hill, Delting.	Vidlan, do.
Red Pund—Nesting.	Voxter (South)—Delting.
Smoagaburn—Lunnasting.	Voxter (North), do.
Skelberry do.	Vaddles—Lunnasting.
Schooltown, do.	Voeseide, do.
Sandgarth—West Hill, Delting.	Westerscord—West Hill, Delting.
Southerhouse, do. do.	Winyaness—Goufirth, Delting.
	Wirley—Southside, Lunnasting.

Observe!—In order to avoid delay, correspondents should address letters *via* the Office, from which they are certain to be the most speedily delivered. Several places in Nesting and Lunnasting are under the delivery of the Office at Voe, Delting.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Delivery of Mossbank.

JAMES HOSEASON, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Anderson, Donald, mason, Scatsta.
 John, schoolmaster, Moorfield.
 Blance, Peter, tailor, Coldback.
 Magnus, tailor, Coldback.
 Peter, kirk-officer, Laxobigging.
 Magnus, tailor, Garth.
 James, shoemaker, Laxobigging.
 Beattie, William, carpenter, Firth.
 Barron, Laurence, blacksmith, Mossbank.
 Cooper, Thomas, quarryman, Firthness.
 Duncan, William, merchant and fish-curer, Garth.
 Finlayson, John, shoemaker, Mossbank.
 Gunn, Joseph, mason, Millburn.
 Gray, William, merchant, &c., Innfield.
 Hoseason, James, merchant and fish-curer, &c., Mossbank.
 Hay, James, church elder, Laxobigging.
 Hughson, Thomas, merchant, South Lee.
 Henderson, Hercules, shopkeeper, Mossbank.
 Henry, Henderson, shopkeeper, North Lee.
 Irvine, George, mason, Bordigarth.
 Magnus, mason, Sweenister.
 Inkster, Peter, cooper, Mossbank.
 Millar, Rev. Duncan, U. P. minister, Mossbank.
 Murray, John, shoemaker, Innhouse.
 Robert, merchant and fish-curer, Sweenister.
 Robertson, Robert, joiner, Sweenister.
 Andrew, weaver, Graven.
 Sinclair, Innes, joiner, Mossbank.
 Smith, Grahame, shoemaker, Mossbank.
 Sandeson, Henry, sloopmaster, Gardens.
 Tulloch, Captain Andrew, Toft.
 Andrew, church elder, Brough.
 Williamson, John, weaver, Scatsta.

Places in the Delivery of Mossbank.

Baukhead.	Gardens.	Millburn—Laxo-
Braehead.	Grindwall.	bigging.
Brough.	Hammer.	Neshion.
Bordigarth.	Innhouse.	Nigarth.
Barronfield.	Innfield.	North Lee.
Clate.	Laxobigging.	South Lee.
Crookster.	Maidenfield.	Stoneshoul.
Coldback.	Moorfield — Paro-	Sweenister.
Firthness.	chial Schoolhouse.	Straits.
Firth.	Midlee.	Toft.
Garth.	Midgarth.	Tronaster.
Graven.		Udhouse.

Additional Places taken from Valuation Roll.

Burraness.	Little Roe (Isle of)	Rug.
Bettabister.	Newtown.	Stonycoats.
Croes.	Pund.	Sundybanks.
Flucates.	Pund of Lutt.	Urka.
Lee.	Rattletown.	Vilance.
Lea of Burraness.		

Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in Delting.

Merchants,	9
Fish-curers,	5
Carpenter,	1
Blacksmith,	1
Masons,	8
Joiners,	4
Weavers,	7
Tailors,	4
Boot and Shoemakers,	6
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PARISH OF NORTHMAVING.

THIS Parish forms the northern part of the Mainland. It is bounded on all sides by the sea, except where, on the south, it is separated from the parish of Delting, at Mavisgrind, by an isthmus about seventy yards broad. It is generally hilly, and contains Ronas Hill, nearly 1500 feet in altitude, and the highest land in the islands. From the top of this hill, in a clear day, the whole archipelago can be distinctly seen; and, during clear nights at midsummer, the reflected rays of the sun in setting have not ceased to be discernible, when those of its rising became visible in the east. The hill rises, in the south, abruptly from the sea for a considerable height—a narrow *voe*, or sea loch, running up four miles along its south side. On the north, the hill terminates in almost perpendicular granitic precipices of many hundred feet in height. The rocks at their base are the resort of numerous seals. This hill was, it is believed, the last *habitat* in the islands of the Bunxie, or Skua Gull, within these few years exterminated by the reckless and unauthorized slaughter of them by southern bird collectors.

The coast of the parish, on the south-west and west, is generally precipitous, and noted for the boldness of its rocky scenery. The Bay of St. Magnus—formed by the Island of Papa, and the parishes of Walls and Aithsting, on the south, and by Delting and Northmaving on the east and north, with the picturesque rocks of Hillswickness, “the Drongs,” Roeneep-head, Dorholm, with its singular and striking arches, and the Skerry of Ashaness, in all the varying and fantastic forms created by the wearing effects of the ocean wave on the different geological formations to which they belong, with the

Island of Foula in the distance—have been pronounced by travellers, as a whole, one of the most picturesque and striking views of rock and sea scenery in the British Islands. From Stenness northwards to Rona's-voe, the coast is generally high; and the "Villions of Ure," alike in relation to the great extent of smooth and unbroken green sward, the singular boldness of the coast, and the evidence of the power of the sea in its wearing effect upon land, are particularly worthy of note. "To this favoured spot," says Dr. Hibbert, "we might employ the compliment often paid to some rich English vale—fairies joy in its soil." Luxuriant, smooth, and verdant turf contrasts with naked crags, lofty out-lying and precipitous rocks, untrodden by the foot of man, where the Arctic gull maintains undisturbed possession, and precipices against which the ocean swell, unbroken by the intervention of any land between them and America, breaks with ceaseless roar. Here, through a cavernous aperture at the sea-margin of a high precipice, the ocean passes underground about 100 yards inland to open caverns, called the "Holes of Seraada," where it swells and breaks, and from which, in gales, rises up spray, as steam from huge boiling caldrons. At the Grind of the Navir, at a great height above the sea level, where mural piles of porphyry would appear to offer an adamantine barrier to the ocean, the surge raises enormous rocks from their bed, and forces them to a distance of 180 feet inland, where the huge fragments are piled, as if the products of some immense quarry. The ruins of the Burgh of Houland—one of those singular buildings, of which the Burgh of Mousa is the only entire surviving specimen,—built from this sea quarry many centuries ago—stand to tell of a race and of times far different from the present, and in strange contrast with the diminutive and simple Shetland mills of the present day, situated on a small stream that falls into the most inland of the "Holes of Seraada."

Northmaving is indented with several voes or salt water lochs—Mangaster, Gunnister, Hammers, and Hillswick Voes, on the south; Hamnavoe and Ronasvoe on the west; and

Collafirth, Quefirth, and Glass Voes on the east. Ronasvoe is very picturesque; and Sulomvoe, which bounds a great part of the east coast of this parish, is probably the longest in Shetland.

Brand, in 1700, reports this parish as containing a population "discreet and civilized beyond their neighbours," which he attributes to the zeal of a faithful minister in razing a noted Popish chapel, called "Cross Kirk." Without claiming any such eminence for them in the present day they are still noted for their boldness and success as fishermen—owing, no doubt, to the excellence of the stations in the parish for carrying on the summer or Ling fishing from.

The fishing stations are Stenness and Hamnavoe on the west, and Fethaland on the north. There are some excellent trouting lochs in the parish, and in one of these, Roer water, at a very considerable altitude on Ronas-hill, contains an island on which the eagle was lately, and probably still is, in use to breed. Sea trout are numerous in most of the inlets or voes.

The agricultural condition of Northmaving cannot be said to be higher than that of other parishes in Shetland, and is inferior to that of some. In one respect there has been a singular change. Some eighty years ago, ploughs—though of a rude description—were almost wholly used. Now, except on the farms of Islesburgh and Hillswick, it is believed that spade husbandry is universal. There are extensive and excellent grazing parks at Hillswick, Islesburgh, and Ashaness.

Few islands belong to the parish, and none of them are of any considerable extent, or are now inhabited. They are Eagleshaw, the Isles of Nibon and Gunnister on the south, Saila on the west, Uyea on the north, and Lamma on the east.

The only places where business is presently carried on, are Hillswick on the south—about 40 miles from Lerwick, with which it is connected by a tolerable road—and Ollaberry and Lochend on the east.

The parish contains 1,172 merks, 4 ures of land, and the Valuation Roll of 1860–61 amounted to £1,761. In 1855, the

rents and values were £1642, the number of outsets, &c., 110, and their value £364. The average rent charge per merk was £1 1s. 11½*d.*

The population in 1851 was, of males, 1,133; females, 1,401, total, 2,534. In 1859, the births, deaths, and marriages, were 61, 37, and 11 respectively.

Northmaving contains now only one church, that of "St. Olla" at Hillswick, where the manse is situated, and part of the glebe lands lie.

The Rev. J. R. Sutherland is the present minister, and Mr. C. Sandison present session-clerk.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c. in the Delivery of Hillswick.

JOHN ANDERSON, SUB-POSTMASTER.

Anderson, Jack, fish-factor, Crossvoe-sand.

..... Gideon, general merchant, &c., Hillswick.

Bruce, James, parochial teacher & inspector of poor, Urafirth.

Charleson, Charles, joiner, Fairfield.

Cheyne, Henry, proprietor, Tangwick.

Grant, Robert, ploughman, Hillswick.

Halcrow, Peter, tailor, Hillswick.

..... Thomas, joiner, Lees.

..... Andrew, tailor, Urafirth.

Harrison, Arthur, fish-factor, Swarthoull.

Hawick, John, blacksmith, Nibon.

Jameson, James, weaver, Hamnavoe.

Johnson, Nicoll, sexton, Hillswick.

Marshall, Robert, Parish Church elder, Hammer.

Ollison, Oliver, Parish Church elder, Urafirth.

Robertson, George, boat-carpenter, Smithfield.

Ratter, Robert, weaver, Hammer.

Robertson, Laurence, church officer, Hillswick.

Reid, Andrew, weaver, Tangwick.

Sutherland, Rev. James R., Parish minister, Manse.

Sandison, Christopher, schoolmaster and registrar, Tangwick.
 Sandison, Gilbert, shoemaker, &c., Assetter.
 Smith, John, boat-carpenter, Smithfield.
 William, Church elder, Setter.
 George, boot and shoemaker, Lee.
 Williamson, James and Gideon, merchants and fish-curers,
 Houhifla.
 Henry, fish-factor, Stenness.
 James, blacksmith, Moorfield.
 Wood, Walter, joiner, Tangwick.

Places in the Delivery of Hillswick.

Assetter.	Grockin.	Nibon.
Avinsgarth.	Hall.	Newhouse—Tingan.
Bordigarth.	Hogaland (West).	Mewton, do.
Braehoulland.	Hammer.	Okrin.
Braewick.	Hamnavoe.	Okrin-Ness.
Burns (East).	Heiler.	Olnesfirth.
Burns (West).	Hillswick.	Orbister.
Burnside.	Haub.	Punds.
Brunga.	Houlland.	Pawmire.
Cape-Out.	Hillend.	Pack-in.
Cape-In.	Houhifla.	Punds of Stenness.
Caterall.	Kroogins.	Punds of Frangord.
Cockle-Haa.	Leescole.	Priest Houlland.
Crow's-Nest.	Lochend (Ash-	Queederens.
Cooper's-Town.	ness).	Roeness.
Ennisfirth.	Loudon.	Roenip.
Everer.	Lees (North).	Roara.
East Houses—	Lees (South).	Smithfield.
Tangwick.	Lee.	Seater.
Fickle-Town.	Light-House.	Schoolhouse—Urra-
Garderhouse.	Moorfield.	firth.
Graveland.	Manse of Hillswick.	Sanyuns.
Gunnister.	Murrin.	Stucka.
Grunna.	Muir.	Snowbule.

Scarff.	Sandwick.	Urafirth.
Stobrick.	Sandwick-Hill.	Urie.
Stenness.	Sumera.	Veensgarth.
Schoolhouse, Tang-	Stove.	Voe.
wick.	Tangwick.	Valoursness.
Stow (North).	Tingon.	Wheedadale.
Stow (South).		Zoar.

Professions, Offices, Trades, in the Delivery of Ollaberry.

HERCULES JAMIESON, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Anderson, Brothers and Co., general merchants, fish-curers,
graziers, &c.
- James, mason, Mangister.
- James, tailor, Housetter.
- Samuel, joiner and carpenter, Ollaberry.
- Arthur, Mitchell, mason, Houll, Northroe.
- Clark, Laurence, shoemaker and boat-carpenter, Uyea.
- Fraser, Rev. James, Congregational minister, Sullom.
- Finlayson, Magnus, shoemaker, Sullom.
- Green, William, Congregational Church officer, Sullom.
- Harrison, Arthur, shopkeeper, Ollaberry.
- John, shoemaker, Ollaberry.
- Hawick, James, merchant and fish-curer, Crooksetter.
- Halcrow, William, tailor, Eastness.
- Hanceson, Magnus, fish-curer, Sullom.
- Henderson, Thomas, mason, Kingaland.
- Andrew, merchant, Clothister.
- Gilbert, boat-carpenter, Hogan.
- Inkster, John, merchant and fish-curer, &c., New Hall,
Northroe.
- James, Wesleyan local preacher, &c., Northroe.
- William, chapel officer, &c., Northroe.
- Andrew, mason, Houll, Northroe.

- Inkster, Lawrence, Parish Church elder, &c., Ollaberry.
 Thomas, sawyer, &c., Ollaberry.
- Johnson, John, fish-curer, &c., Collafirth.
 John, shoemaker, Leon.
 Walter, joiner, &c., Uyea.
- Jamieson, James, shoemaker, Fibbister.
 James, Senior, do. Collaquery.
 Morgan, merchant, &c., Ollaberry.
- Mouat, John, fish-curer, Fethaland.
- Manson, William, mason, Gluss.
- Mowat, Thomas, net weaver, &c., Fibbister.
- Nicolson, Arthur, merchant and fish-curer, &c., Lochend.
 Magnus, weaver, Hagdales.
 Gilbert, watchmaker, tinsmith, &c., Eastness.
 Christopher, farmer, &c., Bribister.
- Paterson, James, joiner, grocer, &c., Skea.
- Robertson, Arthur, weaver, Hogan.
- Ramsay, Magnus, blacksmith, Houlland, Northroe.
- Ratler, Peter, carpenter, Northroe.
- Sellers, Rev. William, Wesleyan minister, Northroe.
- Smith, Arthur, farmer, grazier, cattle dealer, Islesburgh.
- Sharp, George Clark, fish-curer, &c., Ollaberry.
- Smith, James, blacksmith, Housetter.
 William, weaver, E. Hogaland.
- Stove, Magnus, blacksmith, Sandvoe, Northroe.
- Tait, Robert, weaver, Collaquery.
 James, weaver, Eastwick.
- Tulloch, William, mason, Houlland, Northroe.
 John, carpenter, Ollaberry.
- Tulloch, William, weaver, Sea.
- Winwick, James, merchant, fish-curer, &c., North-hall,
 Northroe.
- Williamson, Thomas, fish-curer, &c., Gluss.
 John, elder, &c., Gluss Air.

Places in the Delivery of Ollaberry.

Allins.	Flugarth.	Lochend.
Burn.	Fethaland.	Leeons—Northroe.
Bardister.	Flada—Lochend.	Lergarth, do.
Burland.	Gaza.	Mangaster.
Burravoe.	Gravaland.	Mogapool.
Burns.	Greenfield.	Midgarden.
Burgan.	Gluss.	Muness.
Booths.	Glura.	Northroe—North
Beath.	Gluss Air.	Hall.
Beenigarth.	Hogaland East.	Northroe—South
Braebister.	Haggrister.	or New Hall.
Bravligarth.	Haggrister-ness.	Newtowns—North-
Blythot.	Hubins—Sullom.	roe.
Calsta.	Housetter.	Nissetter.
Clothie.	Hogan.	Nest.
Collaquey.	Hillside.	North Garden—
Collafirth.	Hagdales.	Skae.
Calfspund.	Houlsquoy.	Norwick.
Corrabrake.	Houlland—	Ollaberry—Post-
Cova.	Northroe.	office.
Crows.	Houllands, do.	Oxensetter.
Cowpertown.	Houll, do.	Puddles—North-
Crooksetter.	Hadd, do.	roe.
Clothister.	Hooples, do.	Punchwell, do.
Dale.	Hougs—Queyfirth	Pund—Pund of
Eckron.	Ness.	Setter.
Eastness.	Islesburgh.	Poverty—Skea.
Easwick.	Inbanks—Isles-	Peathall.
Faw.	burgh.	Queyfirth.
Fitchens—	Isbister—Northroe.	Queyfirth Ness.
Collafirth.	Kingaland.	Runnadale.
Fublistier.	Lundister.	Swinister.
Feal.	Lubba.	Stowry.
Fort.	Leon.	Sullom.
Fort Lodge.	Lucknow.	Southtown.

Sandvoe—Northroe.	South Garden—	Uyea—Northroe.
Setter, do.	Skæe.	Uphouse.
Skelberry.	Stowel.	Voe.
South Stove.	Tirvister—Gluss.	Vae—Northhou-
Skæe—South-Town.	Tirrel—Lochend.	setter.
Skinafield.	Tomb.	

**Number of Merchants, Tradesmen, &c. in
Northmaving.**

Merchants,	10
Fish-curers,.....	13
Boat-carpenters,	5
Masons,	6
Joiners,.....	6
Weavers,.....	7
Tailors,	4
Boot and Shoemakers,	8
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NOTE.—There is a branch post-runner from Ollaberry to Northroe, but no regular office there—a common practice of late years, and in glaring contrast to the old rule of dealing with post letters as if they were sacred property. Post letters are often now left with any one who will take charge of them.

PARISH OF WALLS.

It consists of two districts—Walls and Sandness on the Mainland, with the Islands of Vaila, Fowla, and Papa Stour. Vaila lies on the south, Fowla on the west, and Papa on the north-west. It is the most western parish in Zetland; and is bounded by the sea on the south, west, and north, and by Sandsting and Aithsting on the east. It extends in length (including Vaila and Papa Stour, which are close to the Mainland,) about 11 miles north and south, by 5 in breadth. The Island of Fowla lies nearly 20 miles to the westward, and has a fine bold appearance, rising on its west side in an almost perpendicular ascent of not less than 1200 feet. It is inhabited by forty-two families, who have crofts of land, which, with fishings, support them in fully equal comfort to that of the other peasantry in the county.

The general construction and appearance of the parish is high, rugged, and abounding in moss and rock—the chief kinds of the last being quartz, porphyry, and gneiss.

The principal harbours are Vaila Sound on the south, and Snarravoe on the north. The former is sheltered by the Island of Vaila, and has two deep navigable channels opening south-east and south-west. The latter is most exposed; but the anchorage is good in both; and, inside, there is perfect safety for numerous vessels of all sizes. Grutingvøe, which divides Walls from the parish of Sandsting, to the extent of some miles, on the south-east, is also a very extensive harbour for hundreds of vessels at all tides and times.

There are other smaller bays, fit for boats, around the coast. Papa has several small inlets or "Voes," where there is good anchorage for small vessels during the summer months especially.

The want of a Light-house on this side of the Islands is much felt ; for there are reefs of rocks, with only from seven to twelve fathoms water on them, lying from ten to fifteen miles off the land, not surveyed or laid down on any chart, and very dangerous for shipping in bad weather ; there being too often reason to believe that vessels and crews must have perished on them. Of which facts the Admiralty must have been in ignorance ; otherwise, Captain Thomas's chart would have shown the exact position of such reefs as well as of others ; and this defect ought to be remedied without delay.

The agricultural state of this portion of the county is almost stationary—the cultivation being carried on by spade-labour, while the extent of improveable land is very limited. Yet there are tracts of many hundred acres lying waste, which, if drained, could be ploughed up and cultivated with considerable advantage. In other places—and this is more generally the case—the subsoil is stony, and the ground can only be brought in by the pick and heavy trenching. At the same time, a marked improvement has of late taken place in the state of the tenants' houses,—the principal proprietor, R. T. C. Scott, Esq. of Milby, R.N., having laid out annually, for the last eight years, more than one-sixth of his gross rents in this way for their benefit ; and in no parish on the Mainland are the tenants more encouraged, fostered, and made comfortable.

The number of merks land is 988 ; and the rents and values for 1860, £1667—the highest rent being £80. In 1855, the gross rental of the parish was £1552, and the number of outsets, &c., 101—their value being £332. The average merk land charge was £1 4s. 1¼d.

Of population, there were in 1851—1064 males, and 1378 females ; total, 2442. In 1859, the births were 67 ; deaths, 37 ; and marriages, 12.

The Parochial Board consists of the Heritors and Minister ; the latter being Convener, and Mitchell Peterson, Inspector.

The Rev. Arch. Nichol is Parish Minister ; John Johnson, Session-Clerk ; and John Rannie, Parochial Teacher.

The chief places of business are Milby, Sandness ; Springfield, Seafeld, and Voe, in Walls.

The distance of the centre of the parish from Lerwick is about twenty-two miles.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c. in the Delivery of Walls.

JOHN RANNIE, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Bolt, Francis, blacksmith, Smithfield.
 Craig, Rev. John, Congregational minister, Vadlure.
 Georgeson, George, merchant, Meeting-hall.
 James, tailor, Kenkhoull.
 Hobson, Rev. George, Wesleyan minister, Lower Springfield.
 Henry, Archibald S., merchant, Bayhall.
 John Thomas, farmer, &c., Burrastow.
 Irvine, Scott, rancelman, Futaburgh.
 Jamieson, James, rancelman, Vadlure.
 Levack, Rev. Donald, Free Church missionary, Greenland.
 Lyall, John, cooper, Hapness.
 M'Kenzie, Hector, Free Church teacher, Clothie.
 Moodie, John, wright, &c., Vae.
 Manson, Thomas, Society teacher, Foula Isle.
 Moffat, Thomas, rancelman, Penhoulland.
 William, rancelman, Brebister.
 James, rancelman, Stove.
 Nichol, Rev. Archibald, Parish minister, Watsness.
 Nicolson, Robertson, merchant, Springfield.
 Peterson, Peter, registrar, Foula Isle.
 Mitchell, inspector of poor, Reeskaness.
 Rannie, Rev. John, Parish schoolmaster, &c., Happy Hansel.

Robertson, Thomas, merchant, Seafield.
 Russell, Scott, blacksmith, Bay Hall.
 Ratler, Thomas, rancelman, Muckleure.
 Smith, Thomas, sheriff officer, Greenland.
 Scott, Thomas, mason, Burnthill.
 Smith, John, rancelman, Elvister.
 Thomson, Magnus, farmer, &c., Vaila.
 Twatt, Robert, merchant and fish-curer, &c., Voe.
 Thomson, John, merchant, Houll.
 Tait, James, rancelman, Saltness.
 Umphray, James, rancelman, Muckleure.
 James, merchant, Greenland.
 Williamson, Adam, merchant and fish-curer, Settar.
 Robert, tailor, Voe.

Places in the Delivery of Walls.

Bayhall.	Elvister.	Gravins (Upper).
Bacca.	Falds.	Happy Hansel.
Bardister.	Finigarth.	Hay Knoll.
Beddans.	Forratwatt.	Hivdigarth.
Bendry.	Foula Isle.	Hill.
Braewick.	Foutabrough.	Houll.
Brebister.	Firmigarth.	Kirkwall.
Breck.	Foglogarth.	Kirkigarth.
Brownatwatt.	Gairmatwatt.	Liens.
Burraland.	Glen.	Linga Isle.
Burrastow.	Goosybrass.	Litleure.
Burnthill.	Gord.	Lochend.
Claybottom.	Geoster.	Mousawater, or
Clothie.	Gravins.	Lochaber.
Clothesdale.	Greenland.	Manse.
Crookataing.	Greentow.	Muckleure.
Clubs.	Gronataing.	Mellaculse.
Curkigarth.	Grunavoe.	Myres.
Dale of Walls.	Grutquey, or	Meeting-hall.
Dykes.	Greenfield.	Newton.

Pinhoulland.	Springfield.	Turdale.
Reeskaness.	Stepchland.	Ures.
Refuge.	Stapness.	Voe.
Scawister.	Stenustwatt.	Vaila Isle.
Scarpigarth.	Stove.	Vadlure.
Saltness.	Swinaster.	Vesquoy.
Seafield.	Sculigarth.	Waddle.
Settar.	Thistles.	Whitesness.
Skeotaing.	Truligarth.	Watsness.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c. in the Delivery of Sandness.

ROBERT JAMIESON, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Christy, James, leader, Wesleyan Society, Snusky.
 Cheyne, James, church officer, Melby.
 Arthur, Free Church elder, Melby.
 Magnus, weaver, Huxter.
 Coutts, James, weaver, Lamptown.
 Thomas, mason, Melby.
 Ewenson, Alexander, sheriff-officer, Isle of Papa.
 Fraser, Thomas, church officer, Isle of Papa.
 Alexander, precentor, Established Church, Isle of Papa.
 Hughson, Hugh, merchant, Hamnavoe, Isle of Papa.
 Irvine, James, Society teacher, Isle of Papa.
 Jamieson, Robert, schoolmaster, registrar, &c., Crusedale.
 Magnus, weaver, Norby.
 Jacob, shoemaker, Gord.
 Robert, rancelman, Crowtown.
 Andrew, weaver, Melby.
 James, fish-factor, &c., Melby.
 Laurenson, George, joiner, &c., Gardens.
 James, shoemaker, Snusky.
 Manson, Thomas, schoolmaster and registrar, Papa Stour.
 Moody, Thomas, joiner, Smithfield.

Moncrieff, George, church elder, Melby.
 Moffat, John, sheriff officer, Papa Stour.
 Pole, William, teacher, Papa Stour.
 Peterson, Peter, Free Church precentor, Melby.
 Peter, Parish Church precentor, Huxter.
 Robertson, George, tailor, Melby.
 Scott, William, mason, Hilltown.
 James, fish-curer, Papa Stour.
 Sinclair, John, rancelman, Houll.
 James, boat-carpenter, Silverford.
 James, fish-curer, Papa Stour.
 Twatt, William, weaver, Huxter.

Places in the Delivery of Sandness.

Braewick.	Huxter.	Northbanks.
Brake.	Hilltown.	Netherdale.
Bragister.	Hamnavoe.	Neep.
Biggins.	Hardybark.	Ness.
Bousta.	Houll.	Ness of Collaster.
Bousta (Little)	Killister.	Neep (East).
Bousta (Hill of).	Knoll.	Olligart.
Crow.	Knockhall.	Punds in Dale.
Collaster.	Littlabusta.	Punds in Sandness.
Crowtown.	Large Busta.	Papa Stour (Isle of).
Crusedale.	Lumptown.	Quilse.
Everagarth.	Longatoo.	Roorwater.
Funnyfield.	Littlapond.	Runky.
Forrets.	Longhill.	Schoolhouse, Sand-
Gardy.	Melby.	ness.
Greendykes.	Mires.	Schoolhouse, Papa.
Gosigale.	Milster.	Salter.
Gord.	Millhall.	Sweenaland.
Garth.	Millhaugh.	Silverdykes.
Greytown.	Norby.	Silverford.
Gills.	North-house.	Smithtown.

Stony Pund.	Setter.	Upperdale.
Snarraness.	Setter (Mid).	Windyhill.
Snusky.	Torrifield.	Whistlebare.
Smithfield.		Wrightfield.

**Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in Walls
and Sandness.**

Merchants,	9
Fish-curers,	6
Boat-carpenter,	1
Blacksmiths,	2
Masons,	3
Joiners,	3
Weavers,	5
Tailors,	3
Boot and Shoemakers,	2
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PARISH OF SANDSTING.

LIKE some other parishes, this is composed of two extensive districts; the subordinate one in time past being called Aithsting, and which, like those prior to the Reformation, was under separate ecclesiastical jurisdiction. The entire parish is about 12 miles long, north and south; and 8 miles broad in its fullest extent. It is bounded on the north by the parish of Delting, and inlets of the sea from St. Magnus Bay; on the east by Weisdale and Whiteness, districts of the parish of Tingwall; on the south by the ocean; and on the west by the parish of Walls, and the capacious safe harbour called Gruttonvoe. Its topographical appearances do not exhibit anything very striking; but its sea coast is exceedingly varied and irregular, especially that of Sandsting; but it has the advantage of several fine harbours—namely, Bixtervoe, Garderhouse-voe, Skeldvoe, Gruttonvoe, Clustavoe, and Voe of Aith—suitable for vessels of all sizes, besides creeks and “Geos” available for boats. It may be well to observe that a light-house on one of the southern promontories would be of important service to shipping interests; for, besides coasting and other vessels, several vessels from Spain come annually to load fish. It would also be a valuable auxiliary to the Sumburgh-head Light for all ships to and from, or passing along, the west coast of the county. The number of fresh-water lochs, said to be in the parish, is almost incredible—above 130; but they are generally small, at the sametime that most of them abound with excellent trout.

Agriculture has been for long at a stand-still, chiefly for want of a division of the commonities; but that having at last

been effected in Sandsting, at the instance of the chief resident landholder—Mr. Umphray of Reawick; he has commenced improvement on a considerable scale, with the help of a grant from the Enclosure Commissioners; and which example, it is to be hoped, will be speedily followed by other proprietors. As elsewhere in the county, the holdings are too small and limited in tenure to repay the labour of thorough trenching, &c.—231, out of 412, being under £4. There is, however, one comparatively large sheep-farm, at a rent of £107, which is understood to pay the farmer very fairly.

The number of merks land in the parish is 788; and the gross rental for 1860, £1630. In 1855, the gross rents and values were £1420, and the number of outsets, &c., 135—giving £340 value. The average merk land rent charge was £1 6s. 7d.

The population in 1851 was—Of males, 1097; females, 1506; total, 2603. Of births, deaths, and marriages in 1859, the numbers were 77, 26, and 16, respectively.

The Parochial Board consists of Heritors, Kirk-session, and four elected members; Mr. Umphray being Convener, and Alexander Wallace, Inspector.

The Rev. Robert McLaurin is Parish Minister, and G. Williamson, Session-Clerk.

The chief mansion houses are at Reawick, Garderhouse, and Sand, but the last two can scarcely be said to deserve the designation now. That at Sand was built in 1754 by Sir Andrew Mitchell of Westshore, Baronet, sometime Sheriff and Steward-Depute of the County, and has lost its original baronial style, which perhaps may be accounted for by its suffering the doom said to have been pronounced from an invisible source, when the stones from the Castle of Scaloway were laid under contribution for its construction—“You may pull down and build up, but the fourth generation shall not inhabit.”

The most stirring places of business are at Reawick, Tresta, and Bixter, and what conduces much to the prosperity and comfort of the population is, that the tenantry are free to

fish to whom they please. It may be added that Sandsting is celebrated for the capture of the "Caaing Whale" in its voes, and that in consequence of a dispute between the landlord and captors of a shoal of these several years ago, which cost the former £700 and better, the Court of Session fixed the right of parties by the rule of consuitude—namely, one-third share to the Landlord of the shores upon which the whales are stranded and killed, and the other two-thirds to the captors; the consequence of which division was, is, and will be, that when such whales appear on the coast, as many are killed and captured at sea as possible, while the great body of them escape.

The distance from Lerwick to the extreme points of Sandsting and Aithsting exceeds twenty miles, which travellers may walk, ride, or drive over comfortably by the aid of a tolerably good road, even as far as to Vaila Sound; or they may shorten the journey by proceeding to Scalloway overland, and take a boat thence to Reawick, &c.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c. in the Delivery of Garderhouse.

ANDREW ARTHUR, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Arthur, Andrew, tailor, Garderhouse.
 Anderson, James, mason, Skeld.
 John, mason, Skeld.
 Charleson, Thomas, shoemaker, Skeld.
 Dalziel, Lawrence, boat-carpenter, Aith.
 Andrew, mason, Hockland.
 Ewenson, Jerome, shipmaster, Houlland.
 Magnus, weaver, Houlland.
 Garrioch & Co., merchants, fish-curers, &c., Reawick.
 Lewis F. U., Reawick.
 Cumming, mason, &c., Sandsound.
 Henry, Peter, mason, Skeld.

- Henderson, Peter, mason, Culswick.
 Anthony, sailmaker, Skeld.
 Henry, George, teacher, Skeld.
 Fraser, blacksmith, Selivick.
 John, merchant, Airs of Selivoe.
 Henderson, Peter, boat-carpenter, Leeons.
 Irvine, Edward, fish-curer, Stonydale.
 Jamieson, Robert, weaver, Hoganess.
 Johnson, Alexander, mason, Skeld.
 George, merchant, &c., Tresta.
 James, shipmaster, Hessensetter.
 McLaurin, Rev. Robert, Parish minister, Selivoe.
 Moodie, John, teacher, Sandsound.
 Charles, tailor, Sand.
 Moncrieff, John, shipmaster, Garderhouse.
 Moar, Adam, tailor, Skeld.
 Moncrieff, James, weaver, Grutton.
 Peterson, Peter, farmer, Reawick.
 John, ship-carpenter, Skeld.
 Peter, sheep farmer, Houlland.
 Ridland, George, weaver, Skeld.
 Reid, Walter, church officer, Semblesetter.
 Stout, James, Society teacher, Reawick.
 Slatter, John, ship-carpenter, Skeld.
 Smith, Thomas, shoemaker and precentor, Sand.
 Thomson, Robert, farmer, Garderhouse.
 Tullock, George, ship-carpenter, Skeld.
 Umphray, Andrew, Esq. of Reawick, Reawick.
 Wallace, Alexander, medical officer and inspector of poor for
 Sandsting, Stonydale.
 Williamson, Laurence, shipmaster, Sand.
 Yell, Andrew, constable, &c., Huckland.
 Yonson, James, ship-carpenter, Inner Sand.

Places in the Delivery of Garderhouse.

Annfield.	Hogan, Sandsting.
Arg—Sandsting.	Hestensetter, do.
Airs of Selivoe—Sandsting.	Hocknigarth, do.
Bunaness, do.	Houlland, do.
Bruster, do.	Hapwell.
Browland, do.	Hestigarth.
Bowpund, do.	Inner Sand—Sandsting.
Berfield.	Lauriston.
Beola.	Leas—Aithsting.
Bowair.	Leeons—Sandsting.
Blacktown.	Laxaburn, do.
Berryavoe.	Murrister, do.
Columbus,	Mungigall, do.
Culswick—Sandsting.	Mayfield.
Dyke-end.	Mailands of Sand.
Daleburn.	Newhouse.
Engamoor—Aithsting.	Nicolfield.
Easterskeld—Sandstang.	Omursgarth.
Effirth, do.	Pouster—Sandsting.
Garderhouse, do.	Quoys.
Gruttaing, do.	Queeans—Aithsting.
Grunaquoy, do.	Reawick—Sandsting.
Gravans, do.	Roeness, do.
Gardens, do.	Roe Sound, do.
Greenmeadows—Aithsting.	Slide—Aithsting.
Gideonfield—Sandsting.	Scurds, do.
Glenburn.	Stiva, do.
Gardy—East.	Setter, do.
Goysend.	Skeotaing, do.
Do. —North.	Sandsound—Sandsting.
Gracefield.	Selivoe, do.
Hestataing—Aithsting.	Sefster, do.
Haberg, do.	Stonydale, do.
Hocklet—Sandsting.	Setter of Selivoe—Sandsting.
Hoganess, do.	Selwick, do.

Scarvister, Sandsting.	Tofts—Aithsting.
Sand, do.	Troil Houlland—Sandsting.
Semblesetter, do.	Tulky, do.
Sand—Houlland, do.	Toogs, do.
Skeld.	Uyeasound—Aithsting.
Skeos.	Whinsetter, do.
Selwick, Grindof.	Westerskeld—Sandsting.
Sundale.	Westerwick, do.
Sandhouse.	Wart.
Scuttavoe.	Westhoulland.
Swartigal.	

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the delivery of Tresta.

GEORGE JOHNSTON, SUB-POSTMASTER.

Abernethy, John, mason, East Burrafirth.
 Mitchell, sheriff officer, Braewick.
 Thomas, tea-dealer, Braewick.
 Dickson, Adam, sheep farmer, Uyeasound.
 Ewnson, Jerome, shipmaster, Houlland.
 Magnus, weaver, Houlland.
 Fraser, Robert, weaver, Twatt.
 Mitchell, mason, Newtown, Unifirth.
 Georgeson, Magnus, shoemaker, Tresta.
 Henry, Gilbert, fish-curer, Cruganess.
 Henderson, John, shipmaster, Tresta.
 Johnston, George, merchant, &c., Tresta.
 James, shipowner, Tresta.
 John Alexander, shipowner, Tresta.
 Isaac, shipmaster, Tresta.
 Manson, Mitchell, blacksmith, Garden.
 Matthew, boat-carpenter, Garden.
 Mitchell, Peter, mason, Twatt.
 Andrew, blacksmith, Collister.
 George, shipmaster, Twatt.

Nicolson, Andrew, cattle dealer, Aith.
 Arthur, mason, Tresta.
 Walter, shipmaster, Nounsburgh.
 Hugh, shipmaster, Nounsburgh.
 Tulloch, William, grocer, Bixter.
 Rev. James, Congregational preacher, Bixter.
 James Haldane, shipmaster, Bixter.
 Tait, John, grocer, Clusta.
 Williamson, Gilbert, parochial teacher, &c., Twatt.
 White, Andrew, mason, Tresta.
 James, shoemaker, Twatt.
 John, boat-carpenter, Tumblin.
 Yell, George, boat-carpenter, Aithsness.
 John, shoemaker, Twatt.
 Christopher, shoemaker, Twatt.

Places in the Delivery of Tresta.

Aith.	Cruganess.	Hensetter.
Aithsness.	Clousta.	Modesty.
Aithstataing.	Charlestown.	Newtown:
Burrafirth, East.	Colliston.	Nounsburgh.
Do. West.	Flawton.	Papa Little.
Braewick.	Fogrigarth.	Tumblin.
Bigsetter.	Gardy, North.	Unifirth.
Burravale.	Do. South.	Whalewick.
Brindister.	Houlland.	

Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in Garderhouse and Tresta.

Merchants,	6
Fish-curers,	4
Carpenters,	9
Blacksmiths,	3
Masons,	12
Weavers,	5
Tailors,	2
Boot and Shoemakers,	5

PARISH OF TINGWALL.

THIS is an extensive parish, comprising the three districts of Tingwall, Whiteness, and Weisdale, with a seaboard on both sides of the mainland—the districts, however, of Whiteness and Weisdale not extending to the northern coast of the parish. At the extremity of the valley of Tingwall, is situated the village of Scalloway, at the bottom of a small but very pretty and picturesque bay, formed by the island of Trondra on the south. This village was, until somewhat more than a century ago, the head town or capital of the islands; and here stands the remains of a castle erected by the notorious Earl Patrick Stewart, about the beginning of the 17th century, and who, within a few years thereafter, paid the penalty of his many crimes by an ignominious death. As Scalloway bay, though small, affords very safe anchoring ground, while the warehouses and quays of Blacksness, along which vessels of considerable burden can load and discharge, it is, during the fishing and exporting season, the resort of considerable shipping.

In the valley of Tingwall, between Scalloway and the manse, may be seen one of the standing stones that occur, though not very numerous, in Zetland.

This parish is noted as the seat of the Laug-Thing or Law-Ting of the Foudrie of Shetland—the ancient head court of the whole islands. The actual site of this Law-Ting, which was always held in the open air, was on a small holm at the north end of the Loch of Tingwall, and near to the manse. The holm was connected with the shore by stepping-stones. The stones on the holm, which formed the seats of the laug-

man and laugrettman, though much displaced, may still be seen. The Udallers coming on horseback and injuring the pasture of the adjoining farms, their proprietors had given to them, as a remuneration, the scatt, or public tax, exigible from certain lands in the parishes of Quarff and Dunrossness.

The underlying rock in a great part of the valleys of this parish, and in the peninsula of Ustaness, being limestone, the pasture is marked by the peculiar rich verdure that characterises limestone districts; and the overlying soils partake of the fertility which generally is also attendant of those soils lying on limestone. Accordingly, agriculture has, in this parish, more than in any in Shetland, made head. The late Mr. Hay began improvements at Laxfirth, which have been carried out by his successor in the ownership of that place, Mr. Davidson—while Mr. Hay, recommencing to improve at Veensgarth, Walster, and Dale, has now formed, undoubtedly, the most choice farm in the islands.

Mr. Black of Kergord has also greatly improved his lands in Weisdale, having erected substantial and suitable steadings, and encouraged improvement otherwise. He has also built an excellent and costly corn mill, which must have been of much benefit to all parts of the islands to which it is easily accessible. He has likewise been at considerable expense in endeavouring to raise trees, having enclosed and planted the only plantation attempted in Shetland. It is to be regretted that, as yet, the attempt does not promise success. Perhaps it may be doubted whether, after all, he has made the best choice of position.

Led on by Mr. Black's example, Mr. Cheyne of Tangwick, the proprietor of Girlsta, in the north part of the parish, was lately induced to follow advice tendered to him by the late Mr. Hay some twenty-five years ago, to avail himself of the advantage he possessed in the Loch of Girlsta, of an inexhaustable supply of water, to erect a corn mill for the accommodation of the east and north, and which it may be hoped, when connected with the public road by one now in course of formation, and furnished, as intended, with suitable pier

accommodation, will be found of advantage to these districts, and fairly remunerative to the owner.

The parish contains very excellent trouting lochs, especially those of Tingwall and Strand. The trout in the Loch of Girlsta—one of, if not the largest in Shetland—though plentiful, are said to be of a very inferior variety. This loch is said by Torfoeus to have obtained its name from the circumstance of Geirhilda, the daughter of Floke, a northern pirate of the 9th century, having been drowned in visiting a holm in the loch.

The road from Lerwick to the north runs along the south side of the loch, and the proprietor of Girlsta was the first to propose, in 1847, to enlarge the fund for the relief of the destitute by contributing towards the formation of a main road, provided the Destitution Board would meet his contribution with an equal amount. His offer originally embraced $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road from the point where it would enter his property on the south to where it would leave it on the north. The Board having afterwards extended their co-operation to two-thirds, he consented that, without diminishing his contribution, the road should be carried so much farther northwards; and the example thus set having been followed on a vastly larger scale by Messrs. Gifford, Bell, and others, subsequent lines to Lunna, Mossbank, and Hillswick were completed.

The present pastor of the parish is the venerable Mr. Turnbull, who has been settled there for about fifty-five years; a man whom the heaviest affliction and distress has not prevented from zealously, to the last, discharging his ministerial duties, and performing the no less estimable duties of relieving the distressed and befriending the friendless. The glebe is a very excellent one, owing chiefly to the improvements made by the present incumbent. The stipend is the best in Shetland.

The number of merks land in the parish is 1,643 merks, 2 ures. The gross rental for 1855, was £2,383. The rental of outsets, or modern improvements from the commonalty, was £487; and, of course, the rent of the merks land was £1,926,

or on an average of £1 3s. 6d. per merk. The amount of the Parochial Valuation Roll for 1860-61, was £2,856. The highest rent presently paid by a single tenant is £120; but a farm has been lately leased at a rent exceeding £300.

The population in 1851 was 2,874, of whom 1,686 were females, and 1,190 males. It must, however, be kept in view, that at the time the returns are taken up, large masses of the male population have left Shetland for Greenland, and for employment in the south during the busy season. The births, deaths, and marriages, in 1859, were 67, 36, and 12 respectively.

The poor are supported by voluntary assessment; the Board, of course, consisting of the Heritors and Kirk-Session. Mr. Charles Beaton, schoolmaster, Tingwall, is the inspector and collector.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c. in the District of Scalloway.

GILBERT TULLOCH, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Anderson, Peter, farmer and cattle dealer, Berry.
 Davidson, George, farmer.
 William, farmer, Garth.
 Duncan, Robert, shipmaster.
 Davidson, Thomas, shipmaster.
 Ewenson, George, boat-carpenter.
 Gray, Robert, shipmaster.
 Charles, joiner and carpenter.
 Georgeson, Dick, mason.
 Greig, Robert, joiner.
 Hay and Co. merchants, fish-curers, and oil manufacturers, &c.
 Harrison, Henry, quarryman.
 Henry, John, cooper.
 Irvine, John, engineer.
 Innes, sailmaker.
 John, cooper.

- Irvine, John, shoemaker.
 Leisk, Scott, cooper.
 John, shipmaster.
 Leslie, William, fish-curer.
 James, shoemaker.
 Laurence, Gifford, mason.
 Morrison, William, cooper.
 James, shipmaster, Burwick.
 Mouat, Laurence, blacksmith.
 Moncrieff, Robert, shoemaker.
 Nicolson, John, shopman to Hay and Co.
 Charles, merchant and fish-curer.
 Nicol, Congregational minister.
 Nicol, tailor.
 Pride, Robert, cooper.
 Peterson, James, Established Church elder, Asta.
 Robertson, James G., druggist, lodging-house keeper, &c.
 Russell, James, cooper.
 Arthur, joiner.
 Scott, blacksmith.
 Sinclair, Laurence, shipmaster.
 Scott, Robert, Baptist preacher.
 Scletter, George, mason.
 Sinclair, William, shipmaster, Tow.
 Smith, James, Society teacher.
 Tullock, Gilbert, sub-postmaster and manager for Hay and
 Co., Blacksness.
 Tait, Robert, shipmaster.
 Williamson, William, cooper.
 James, fish-curer.

ISLE OF TRONDRA.

- Leisk, Arthur, sloopmaster.
 Leslie, Peter, fish-curer.
 John, fish-curer.
 Moffat, Henry, sloopmaster.

ISLE OF PAPA.

Slatter, William, fish-curer.

..... John, fish-curer.

ISLE OF OXNA.

Fullerton, John, fish-curer,

Slatter, John, fish-curer.

BURRA ISLE.

Christie, Robert, sloopmaster.

Gray, Gilbert, assembly teacher.

Henry, James, cooper and fish-curer.

Hughson, John, fish-curer.

Inkster, Robert, sloopmaster.

..... John, sloopmaster.

..... Charles, boat-carpenter.

..... John, Baptist preacher.

..... Laurence, boat-carpenter.

Pottinger, James, fish-curer.

Sinclair, James, fish-curer.

Smith, Walter, sloopmaster.

Burra, Papa, and Havera belong to the Quoad Sacra Parish of Quarff, but are served by the Post Office at Scalloway.

Places in the District of Scalloway.

Asta.

Easterhoull.

Berry (Upper Scalloway).

Gibbleston Lodge.

Burwick.

Garths (South) Upper Scalloway.

Blacksness.

Curkassetter (Upper Scalloway.)

Garths (North) Up. Scalloway.

Houlland (North) ditto.

Crook-haa.

Houlland (South), ditto.

Clemintinafield.

Scalloway (Upper).

Setter (South), Upper Scal- loway.	Too. Utnabreck.
Stenchwall.	Westerhoull (Upper Scal- loway).
Sundybanks.	

ISLE OF HOUSE, OR EAST ISLE OF BURRA.

Blemister.	Muffat's Dock.	New Town.
Hogaland.	New House.	Norbister.
House.		Symbister.

WEST ISLE OF BURRA.

Brough.	Goosigarth.	Papil.
Breck.	Grunysound.	Sauwick.
Branchaclete.	Hamnavoe.	Schoolhouse.
Bannamin.	Hogaland (West).	Souther-house.
Crugarth.	Minn.	Setter.
Duncansclate.	Meal.	Utterabrake.

ISLE OF TRONDRA.

Burland.	Hardhouse.	Isle of Papa.
Booth and Cutts.	Huddegarth.	Isle of Oxna.
Cold Heaven.	Lee.	Isle of Linga.
Dales.	Northness.	Isle of Hildasay.
Grindadale.	Scarvataing.	Isle of Havera.
Hogaland.		

**Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Parish of
Tingwall.**

- Anderson, Henry, mason, Girlsta.
 Beatton, Charles Clouston, parish teacher, inspector of poor,
 &c., Schoolhouse.
 Davidson, William, small proprietor, South Garth.
 Davidson, Peter, kirk officer, &c., Kurkasetter.
 Edgar, George, road superintendent, &c., South Laxfirth.

- Goodlad, James, proprietor and farmer, &c., Swinister.
 Peter, farmer and kirk elder, &c., Wadbister.
 Greig, James, fish-curer, South Houlland.
 Halcrow, Walter, out-Chelsea pensioner and proprietor, Uradale.
 Hereuleson, Keith, carpenter, Mouswall.
 Henry, George, weaver and church elder, North Caldcliff.
 Irvine, James, fish-curer, North Garth.
 Irvine, Henry, mason, Vatsetter.
 Jackson, Messrs. James & George, farmers, &c., Laxfirth.
 Keith, George, farmer and cattle dealer, &c., Vinsgarth.
 Mouat, Jeremiah, small proprietor, North Hammersland.
 James, small proprietor, North Hammersland.
 M'Donald, Charles, farmer, &c., Asta.
 Nicolson, John, mason, Gott.
 George, carrier, Outnabreak.
 Paterson, James, farmer and church elder, &c., Asta.
 Gilbert, small proprietor, carpenter, &c., Greenwall.
 Sinclair, Robert, sheep farmer, Burnthammersland.
 Swanson, John, trenching and draining superintendent, &c., Newpark.
 Turnbull, Rev. John, minister of Tingwall, Whiteness, and Weisdale, proprietor of Gott, Manse of Tingwall.
 Tait, Thomas, weaver, South Houlland.
 Taylor, Gilbert, farmer and cattle dealer, &c., Linkster.

Places in Tingwall Parish—Mainland.

Braewick.	Caldcliff (North).
Bellister.	Chalderness.
Brunthammersland.	Cuts.
Bretto.	Catwalls.
Burra.	Chalders Airs.
Blytho't.	Deal (East).
Burraland.	Deal (South).
Caldcliff (South).	Deal.

Easthouse.	Laxfirth (South).
Fitch.	Linga (Isle)
Frackafield.	Manse.
Greenwall.	Mouswall.
Gott.	New Park (Chalderness)
Griesthall.	Northness.
Girlsta.	Presgarth.
Grinds.	Strand.
Grindsdale.	Stenswall.
Houster.	Sweenister.
Hudegarth.	Setter (North).
Houll.	Scarfataing.
Hogaland.	Tronafirth (South).
Hammersland (North).	Tronafirth (North).
Hammersland (South).	Tingwall (Manse).
Houbie.	Tow.
Hardhouse.	Uresland.
Kebister.	Uradale.
Kurkasetter.	Vatsetter.
Keulka.	Veensgarth.
Knockhall.	Vatsland.
Linkster.	Walster.
Lee (South).	Wadbister.
Lee (North).	Zoar.
Laxfirth (North).	

NOTE.—All the south portion of the district of Tingwall is served by the Post-office at Scalloway. Letters for the north parts are left here and there along the runner's route.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Delivery of Whiteness and Weisdale.

JAMES IRVINE, SUB-POSTMASTER.

Abernethy, Archibald, merchant, Steppegrind.

Campbell, Andrew, farmer, Flemington, Kergord.

- Garioch, Andrew, mason, Hogaland.
 Cumming, fish-curer, Wadbister.
- Gear, William, mason, Quoyness.
 Jeremiah, mason, Quoyness.
 James, merchant, Huxter.
- Henderson, Laurence, Society teacher & registrar, Weisdale.
- Hunter, William, joiner, Strome.
 George, joiner, Neustigarth.
 James, mason, Strome.
 Jeremiah, mason, Stromfirth.
 John, church elder, Hoove.
 William, mason, Quoyness.
 Jeremiah, mason, Strome.
 Henry, shoemaker, Setter.
- Irvine, Erasmus, mason, Gillaburn, Whiteness.
 James, mason, Strome.
 Hercules, mason, Hammersland.
 Henry, mason, Hammersland.
 Magnus, farmer, Strome.
 James, Society teacher, Strome.
- Isbister, John, mason, Nessbister.
- Johnson, Peter, shipmaster, North Huxter.
- Jamieson, Hugh, farmer and cattle dealer, Setter.
 Peter, Church elder, Stromness.
- Lawrenson, Laurence, church elder, Kirkhouse.
 Robert, shipmaster, Kirkhouse.
- Moodie, James, mason, Moustoft, Weisdale.
 Peter, church elder, Moustoft.
- Mouat, George, blacksmith, Sound of Weisdale.
- Nicolson, Thomas, mason, Brongarth.
- Perry, George, miller, Milltown, Kergord.
- Ross, John, sheriff officer, &c. Sound of Weisdale.
- Robertson, John, merchant, session-clerk, and precentor,
 Strome Bridge.
- Stoane, Rev. John, A.M., missionary, R. B. Sunnyside.
- Smith, Thomas, church officer, Haggersta.
- Slater, Scott, fish-curer, Breck.

Slater, Basil, shipmaster, Ustaness.
 Sinclair, Hercules, shipmaster, Cova.
 Tait, Arthur, shipmaster, Heglabuster.
 White, James, blacksmith, Kergord.
 Williamson, Thomas, joiner, Haggersta.
 John, merchant, Wormidale.
 Thomas, church elder, Breck, Whiteness.

Places in the Delivery of Whiteness.

Binnaness.	Hoove.	Nessbister.
Breck.	Haggarsta.	Quoyness.
Brakes.	Hogan.	Stromness.
Brougarth.	Hogaland.	Strome Bridge.
Cova.	Housegarth.	Steppegrind.
Churchtown.	Jackvale.	Slate.
Easthouse.	Kirkhouse.	Ustaness.
Fitch.	Mailland.	Wadbister.
Hammersland.	Neustigarth.	Wormadale.
Helister.	Northhouse.	

Places in the Delivery of Weisdale.

Baileyfield.	Housegord.	Newtown.
Cuyp.	Housegord, North.	Skurran.
Cott.	Hamrigarth.	Scarpigarth, South.
Cuckran.	Huxter.	Do. Upper.
Dykeside.	Do. North.	Do. Lower.
Everabister, North.	Hillpund.	Stenswall.
Do. South.	Heglabister.	Southpark.
Flemington.	Houllscarpa.	Sound.
Gravin.	Kergord.	Do. Upper.
Grunadale.	Kurkegarth.	Do. Nether.
Gardie.	Leegarth.	Do. Over.
Greenside.	Milltown.	Setter.
Hoove, East.	Moustoft, North.	Stromfirth.
Do. West.	Do. South.	Tusslafield.
		Toubie.

Number of Merchants and Tradesmen, &c., in the
Parish of Tingwall, Whiteness, and Weisdale.

Merchants,	8
Fish-curers,	18
Carpenters,	4
Blacksmiths,	4
Masons,	16
Joiners,	6
Tailors,	1
Boot and Shoemakers,	4
Ship and Sloopmasters,	17
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NOTE.—The inhabitants of the flourishing district of Weisdale suffer great inconvenience, and occasional hardship and loss, from the want of a Sub-Post Office there, the most populous places being some miles from the office in Whiteness. The Runner may, as in other similar cases, leave letters for parties by the roadside *en route*; but, except by order of the owners themselves, the practice is both dangerous and reprehensible, if, indeed, not punishable by action at law. The “circumlocution system” may be a bar to common sense and interest here as elsewhere, but the people should petition again and again for a Sub-Office, and never cease till it is established. If they,—the Hill authorities,—wont give a less salary than £3!!! let some one offer to do the duty of Sub-Postmaster for less, and then, if they are not fixed, ’twill be a case of flank attack, and easy conquest if followed up.

PARISH OF NESTING.

THIS Parish is composed of four districts—Nesting, Lunnasting, Whalsay, and Skerries; the former two on the East coast of the Mainland, and the Island of Whalsay east thereof—Skerries being about twelve miles N.E. of it. Its full area, including land and sea, extends to not less than thirty miles east and west, and its average breadth about five miles. The fertility of the soil is on a par with, if not in advance of, some other parishes, especially in Lunnasting and Whalsay, where improved operations on the lands, and attention to rearing superior farm stock, have of late years been pretty successful. There are no very high hills within the bounds, but the whole surface and coast lines bear the common irregular formations and appearances of the country—the geological elements being chiefly gneiss, with subordinate veins of primitive limestone, granite, &c. The chief voes or places of anchorage are Vidlin, Dowrie, and Catfirth in Lunnasting and Nesting. Symbister bay in Whalsay has ordinary anchoring ground, but is rather exposed from the westward. The Skerry Islands contain a sheltered little basin for small craft, and even for pretty large schooners. It has two entrances, and is considerably indebted to the war with Russia for a superior Lighthouse in the “Bund” or “Bound Rock,” east side, to enlighten the dark and troubled waters around its dangerous external coast, as well as cheer the inhabitants and fishermen during their long and dreary winter nights. These isles are a most important and valuable fishing station, and afford subject for an interesting trip to tourists in summer.

The entire Parish contains 843 merks land, and its total rents and values for 1860–61 is £1606. In 1855, the gross

value was £1513, and the number of outsets, &c., 139, the value whereof was £399. The average merk land charge was £1 6s. 6½d., and the highest rent £100.

Of population in 1851, the total was 2420, or 1018 males and 1402 females. In 1859, the births, deaths, and marriages were 69, 32, and 27 respectively.

The Parochial Board consists of Robert Bell, Esq. of Lunna; the Rev. William Levie, Parish Minister; John Bridge Esq., &c.—Mr. Bell being Chairman, and Charles Gray, Inspector.

The chief mansion houses are Symbister in Whalsay, built of granite, and that of Lunna, both fine residences, but the former most modern and extensive.

Of places of business, the principal are at the old premises of Symbister, and Vidlin in Lunnasting.

The distance to the above-named places are twelve miles by sea to the first, and to the latter about twenty-four miles from Lerwick.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in Nesting.

Angus, Hercules, joiner, &c., Catfirth.

..... James, joiner, Catfirth.

..... John, joiner, Catfirth.

Anderson, Arthur, joiner, Booth.

..... Henry, wheelwright, Kirkabister.

Arthur, Leslie, shoemaker, Catfirth.

Gray, Charles, inspector of poor, &c., Skillister.

..... Hugh, mason, Catfirth.

Georgeson, Thomas, grocer, Laxfirth.

Hunter, William, grocer, Vassie.

Irvine, George, weaver, Brough.

Johnston, George, weaver, Catfirth.

Laurenson, Dempster, boat-carpenter, Quays.

Levie, Rev. William, Parish minister for Nesting, Lunnasting,

Whalsay, and Skerries, Manse, Neep.

Tait, Thomas, mason, Houlland.

Thomson, Robert, grocer, Kirkabister.

Places in Nesting.

Asswick.	Friester.	Mouness.
Arie.	Grunifirth.	Manse.
Billister.	Garths.	Neep.
Bretabister.	Growstone.	Newing.
Burns.	Gletness.	Newman.
Brough.	Garth.	Newhouse.
Benston.	Garth of Billister.	Pund.
Booth.	Gardie.	Pund of Friester.
Do. (Kirkabister).	Gardie of Durie.	Queys.
Catfirth.	Housabister.	Quidamuir.
Crown.	Houlland.	Quoys of Catfirth.
Crowes.	Kirkabister.	Railsburgh.
Durie.	Knowe.	Skillister.
Dykend.	Laxfirth.	Triphoull.
Easwick.	Mills of Billister.	Tripwell of Skillister.
Flamister.		Vassa.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in Lunnasting.

- Anderson, John McGowan, parish teacher, Quiness.
 Henderson, Robert, church officer, Lunna.
 Laurence, gardener, Lunna.
 Andrew, mason, Swining.
 Hardy, Robert and James, merchants, Lunnaness.
 Johnson, Lamond, Society teacher, Lunna.
 Gilbert, weaver, Flugarth.
 Laurenson, Alexander, church elder, Luning.
 McFarlane, Rev. A., Church of Scotland missionary, Lunna.
 Nicolson, Andrew, boat-carpenter, Laxa.
 John, sawyer, Laxa.
 Pearson, James, sheriff officer, Hamnavoe.
 James, mason, Swining.
 Sutherland, John, fish-factor, Vidlin.
 Tarrel, Hugh, mason, Laxa.
 Umphray, Laurence, rancelman, Vidlin.

Places in Lunnasting.

Bunnidale.	Littlegill.	Swining.
Burns.	Luning.	Southerhouse.
Dockholegate.	Lea (North and	Springfield.
Eastdyke.	South).	Skelberry.
Flugarth.	Midfield.	Smoggaburn.
Floddins.	Murron.	Schooltown.
Gunhouse.	Muckleair.	Smithy.
Greenmeadow.	Mooradale.	Setter.
Grinds.	Mires.	Tua.
Garden.	Murch.	Tronaster.
Gillsbrake.	Newhouse.	Tarrout.
Heog.	Newgarth.	Torrisdale.
Hamnavoe.	Northgrind.	Traywick.
Kirkabister.	Orgill.	Toog.
Kirkhouse.	Pundbank.	Uttrabister.
Lunna.	Pundishole.	Vaddles.
Laxa.	Pund of Lunna.	Voeside.
Lea of Laxa.	Pund of Luning.	Vailiar.
Lochend.	Quiness.	Vidlin.
Levenip.	Sandwick.	Wirлие.
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Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Island of Whalsay.

Budge, John, manager, session-clerk, and registrar, Symbister.
 Brown, Thomas, blacksmith, Symbister.
 Bruce, Thomas, boat-carpenter, Sandwick.
 Gilbertson, George, boat-carpenter, Sandwick.
 Greig, Alexander, grieve, Sandwick.
 Henderson, Peter, weaver, Brough.
 Irvine, James, wheelwright, Symbister.
 Jardin, John, cooper, Symbister.
 Newbigging, ———, grieve, Symbister.
 Peterson, James, weaver, Brough.
 Sinclair, David, cooper, Symbister.
 Wishart, John, fish-curer, Symbister.

Places in Whalsay.

Amyville.	Hammister.	Skaw.
Brough.	Isbister.	Sodom.
Burns.	Lee.	Sanshoull.
Boat's-house.	Levister	Skiphoull.
Berg.	Linthouse.	Toft.
Cleat.	Leeburn.	Triphoull.
Challister.	Marraster.	Traewick.
Creads.	Niddiegoe.	Vattshoull.
Hogsetter.	Symbister House.	Wirlie of Cleat.
Houll.	Sandwick.	

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in Skerry Isles.

Anderson, William, assistant light-keeper.
 Humphray, Robert, fish-curer, &c.
 Mills, William, assistant light-keeper.
 Peterson, William, Society teacher.
 Reid, George, principal light-keeper.

Skerry Islands.

Browrie, or East Skerries. Light-house.
 Housie, or West Isle, Skerries.

Number of Merchants, Tradesmen, &c., in the Parish of Nesting, Lunnasting, Whalsay, and Skerries.

Merchants,.....	5	Wheelwrights,.....	2
Fish-curers,	3	Joiners,.....	4
Carpenters,	4	Weavers,	5
Blacksmith,	1	Boot and Shoemaker, ...	1
Masons,	5		<u>30</u>

NOTE.—There are branch post-runners from Voe to Lannasting, and from Tingwall to Nesting, under the same objectionable rule as that of others. Not a sub-office in the whole parish, where two would seem to be required—the most of the people being served from the office at *Voe, Delting*.

PARISH OF BRESSAY.

THIS consists of three districts entirely separated from one another—Bressay, Burra, and Quarff. Bressay forms the harbour of Lerwick, and is nearly six miles long, averaging about two miles in breadth. The fine Island of Noss lies close to the east side of it; and close to it again is the celebrated “Holm of Noss,” with its rope-way cradle over a chasm of some fifty feet broad, and two hundred feet deep. The Noup of Noss is somewhere about 600 feet high, and the Ward or Warthill, in Bressay, 720—from either or both of which an exciting and picturesque view of a considerable part of Zetland may be enjoyed in a fine clear day.

Quarff is a part of the Mainland, and is nearly six miles south-west from Bressay. It is chiefly a valley between two high hills, about two miles long, and half-a-mile broad, being bounded east and west by the sea; the latter called Cliff Sound—a safe anchorage for all sizes of ships. There is a fine little Government church near the middle of the valley, and a manse a little to the westward; the Rev. Alexander Webster being minister of Quarff and the Burra Islands.

The Islands of Burra are half-a-mile west of Quarff; the Isles of Havera, Papa, &c. being penicles thereto. They are one of the finest fishing stations in the county.

Agriculture cannot advance rapidly in this parish more than in any other, where it is a subordinate employment; but in Bressay much has been done, in some instances, and with considerable success, by active Scotchmen. Another important step in advance being seen in the erection of a very superior tenant’s house on the farm of Keldabister, where as

fine crops of grain, turnips, potatoes, and rye-grass have been raised of late years, as could be seen in the most of the north of Scotland. Noss, when held by Zetland tenants, was famed for fine ponies and excellent butter; but various events have made it less known than when it was occupied by the respected father of the celebrated Dr. Copland of London. At the same time, the late tenants are understood to have managed the Island to considerable advantage; and they were universally respected, as well as uniformly civil and kind to visitors.

The number of merks land in the entire parish is $733\frac{5}{8}$, and the gross rental for 1860-61, £1220. In 1855, the gross rents and values were £1197, and the number of outsets, &c., 74, the value of which was £272. The highest rent paid was £65, and the average merk land charge was £1 5s. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

The Parochial Board consists of the Heritors; the Minister of the Parish, the Rev. Z. M. Hamilton; and Elders. John Ross, parochial teacher, being Inspector.

It should have been stated above, that a small but neat Light-house, with a powerful light, is one of the most valuable benefits conferred upon the shipping interests of the port of Lerwick. It stands upon Kirkabister-ness, and is well worth a visit.

“Gardie House,” with its fine gardens, hot-house, &c., in Bressay, is one of the best mansion-houses and most pleasant spots in the county.

Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Island of Bressay.

CATHERINE HUNTER, SUB-POSTMISTRESS.

Anderson, Laurence, mason, Wart.

..... Gilbert, mason, Laraness.

..... Thomas, slater, Laraness.

..... Simon, farmer, Setter.

Gifford, Laurence, mason, &c., Gunhall.

Hamilton, Rev. Z. M., parish minister, Manse.
 Hunter, Peter, joiner, &c., Nestigarth.
 John, mason, Crueton.
 Gilbert, mason, Crueton.
 Leisk, Robert, precentor, Aith.
 Manson, James, cooper, Cullingsburgh.
 Morrison, William, mason, &c., Greentown.
 Sinclair, mason, Greentown.
 Mouat, James, mason, Brough.
 Ollison, Andrew, sheriff officer, Uphouse.
 Penny, William, grieve, Keldabister.
 Reid, ———, principal lighthouse-keeper, Kirkabister-ness.
 Ross, John, parochial schoolmaster, session-clerk, and registrar,
 &c., Schoolhouse.
 Russel, Walter, General Assembly teacher, Assembly school-
 house.
 Sinclair, Laurence, mason, Beosetter.
 John, grazier and sheep farmer, Aithness.
 Tait, William, joiner and boat-carpenter, Hoversta.
 Walker, John, farmer, &c., Keldabister and Noss.
 Williamson, William, cooper, Hogan.
 William, Laurence, cooper, Noss-sound.
 Wards, William, boat-builder, Averbly.
 Yates, John, carpenter, Ham.

Places in the Island of Bressay.

Aith.	Cruister.	Greemsetter.
Aithness.	Cullingsburgh.	Gunhall.
Averbly.	Cowgate.	Greentown.
Assembly School- house.	Daal.	Globa.
Annsfield.	Erebie.	Hunterfield.
Beosetter.	Eastham.	Ham.
Brough.	Gardie House.	Hoversta.
Bruntland.	Grindascoll.	Hogan.
Crueton.	Gunnista.	Hove.
	Garth.	Hillside.

Insista.	Noss-sound.	Setter of Noss.
Kirkabister.	Noss Isle.	Suldrees.
Keldabister.	Nestigarth.	Selleries.
Knows.	Newtown.	Uphouse.
Laranness.	Park.	Westham.
Loch.	Pettifirth.	Wadbister.
Lochside.	Parish schoolhouse.	Wart.
Manse.	Pund.	West Setter.
Mail.	Southam.	Waterloo.
Midgarth.	Setter.	Voehead.
Maryfield.		

Number of Tradesmen, &c., in Bressay.

Masons,	9	Farmers,	3
Slater,	1	Coopers,	3
Joiners,	2	Carpenters,	3
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Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in Quarff and Burra.

Aitkin, William, sub-inspector of poor.
 Christie, Robert, shipmaster.
 Gray, Gilbert, Assembly teacher.
 Henry, James, cooper and fish-curer.
 Hughson, John, fish-curer.
 Inkster, Robert, shipmaster.
 John, shipmaster.
 Charles, boat-carpenter.
 John, Baptist preacher.
 Laurence, boat-carpenter.
 Pottinger, James, fish-curer.
 Sinclair, James, fish-curer.
 Smith, Walter, shipmaster.

NOTE.—The West Isles are served by the Post-office,
 Scalloway.

Places in Quarff.

Beneathe Burn.	Megstown.	Quarff Lodge.
Burgaro Park.	Mewhouse.	Smerie.
Couster.	Manse.	Troubletown.
Easter Quarff.	Newtown.	Upswall.
Greemsetter.	Purgatory.	Wester Quarff.

Places in Burra.

Branchiclate.	Gardens.	Newtown.
Brake.	Grunasound.	North-house.
Brough.	Girsigarth.	Papil.
Bannamin.	Howls.	Southerhouse.
Blemister.	Houss.	Setter.
Bridgend.	Maill.	Symblister.
Booth.	Minn.	Sandwick.
Crugar.	New Grunasound.	Utrabrake.
Duncansclate.	Norbister.	Wester Hogaland.
East Hogaland.		

PARISH OF DUNROSSNESS.

THIS is the longest, if not the largest, parish in the whole county, and extends (including the *quoad sacra* parish of Sandwick, but excluding Fair Isle) nearly, north and south, almost twenty miles, averaging in breadth about four. It is bounded by the ocean on the east and south, on the west by the ocean and Burra Islands, and on the north by the *quoad sacra* parish of Quarff. It constitutes the most southern portion of the county; and, although it contains some pretty high hills, is on the whole of a rather uniform appearance at a distance, except at places on a cross view. In harbours it is not deficient, surrounded almost by the sea as it is. Cliff Sound, formed by the Islands of Burra on the north-west, is safe for vessels of all sizes with any weather. Quendale Bay on the south; and Levenwick, Channerwick, Hosewick, and Sandwick, on the east; but the most of the five unsafe for vessels with gales inward. Of minor bays there is no want—such as the East and West Voes, and Gutness, in the south; and South Cunningburgh, with Aithsvoe, on the east side of that coast; besides an endless number of still smaller inlets, suitable for boats, called geos. In geological constitution, the parish partakes of the common formations, with the addition of copper ore at Sandwick and Quendale; at the former of which places, miners were at work many years ago. In agricultural matters, the *statu quo* exists with very few exceptions,—Bigton being the place most favoured with operations of an improved and extended nature, although not with that success which could be wished. Formerly, considerable quan-

tities of meal and other produce were sent to the Lerwick market, but this practice has long ceased, and the population, like those in other parishes, must import instead of exporting—meal particularly—although to less extent than most of them. This parish was the first in the county favoured with a Light-house—the now well-known one on Sumburgh Head—and which, since its erection nearly forty years ago, must have been greatly serviceable in preventing the loss of life and vessels, which so frequently occurred on that coast before. Sumburgh, it may be observed, is also celebrated in Sir Walter Scott's "Pirate;" the graphic description of which, and that of the characters therein mentioned, together with the customs and habits of Zetlanders, is of universal fame.

The number of merks land is 1922½, and the rents and values for 1860–61, £2711. The highest rent paid is £80. In 1855, the gross valuations were £2629, and the number of outsets, &c., 174, the value whereof was £465. The merk land rent averaged £1 8s. 0½d. A large amount of the Dunrossness lands are waste. The estate of Brow, 130 merks, being wholly so; while the total exempted from public burdens appears to be 276.

Of population at last census, the numbers were—of males, 1982; and females, 2523; total, 4505. The births, deaths, and marriages, in 1859, were 91, 36, and 27, respectively.

The Parochial Board consists of the Heritors, Minister, and Elders; John Bruce, Esq. of Sumburgh, being Convener; John Tullock, Sandwick, and John Harper, Dunrossness, being Inspectors.

The Rev. James Proffit is Minister of the Parish; and William Laurenson, Session-clerk; James Russell being Parochial Teacher.

Of mansion-houses, those of Sand Lodge, Quendale, and Bigton are the chief—the last, however, being of late years occupied by a tenant; and the places of business, Sumburgh and Quendale.

The distance of the old house of Sumburgh from Lerwick is 25 miles, and to Quendale a little less.

FAIR ISLE.

FAIR ISLE is famed as the place where the flag-ship of the miserable Spanish Armada—the Duke of Medina Sidonia, admiral of the fleet, on board—was lost in 1588 or 89, and from some of the crew of which the natives learned to make similar woollen caps, gloves, &c., in great variety of colours, as were, and still are, used in Spain. The Island was also notorious as a depot for contraband goods during the merry days of smuggling. It is situated about half-way between Orkney and Sumburgh Head, and from its height—upwards of 700 feet—is an important object to sight by vessels passing it for any destination. Its inhabitants number between 200 and 300, who are subject to great privations occasionally. The schoolmaster is a kind of king amongst them!

It should have before been observed that there is a very rich vein of copper ore near the top of the highest cliff in the island, which a Liverpool gentleman was anxious some years ago to have made arrangements for working, but could not come to terms on the subject with the proprietor.

The Island has been erroneously laid down in the charts of Orkney.

**Professions, Offices, Trades, &c., in the Delivery
of Dunrossness.**

HENRY ISBISTER, SUB-POSTMASTER.

- Aitken, Robert, slater, &c., Bigton.
 John, Free Church elder, Exnaboe.
 Arcus, Laurence, Wesleyan local preacher, Braemuir.
 Allison, Robert, Free Church elder, Goat.
 Bingauld, Rev. Charles, Wesleyan minister, Durigarth.
 Burgess, Magnus, church elder, Hillwell.
 George, fish-curer, Scousburgh.
 Robert, joiner, fish-curer, &c., Carthsbanks.
 John, Free Church teacher, Quendale.

- Brown, William, shoemaker, Skelberry,
 William, blacksmith, Rarewick.
 Cheyne, Sinclair, church elder, Exnaboe.
 Laurence, Free Church officer, Vatchley.
 William, shoemaker, Guzzletown.
 Flaws, Magnus, joiner, Clumby.
 Goodlad, James, church elder, Maills.
 Gilbertson, William, carpenter, &c., Tumbliwick.
 Henry, tailor, Brow.
 Henry, weaver, Braemuir.
 Harry, shoemaker, Braemuir.
 Christopher, shoemaker, Braemuir.
 William, mason and carpenter, Maills.
 Garrioch, Andrew, Free Church elder, Scholland.
 Greig, Alexander, assistant light-house keeper, Sumburgh
 Head.
 Henderson, Gavin, merchant, Scousburgh.
 Robert, shopman, Scousburgh.
 Harper, John, farm manager, Sumburgh.
 Hind, merchant, Hays.
 John, inspector of poor, Virky.
 Laurence, teacher, Scholland.
 John, weaver, Toges.
 Irvine, James, shoemaker, Voe.
 James, shoemaker, Scholland.
 Gilbert, merchant and fish-curer, Grutness.
 Isbister, Henry, merchant and fish-curer, Boddam.
 Johnson, Magnus, ploughman, Quendale.
 John, shoemaker, Brock, Hillwell.
 Jamieson, James, fish-curer, Durigarth.
 James, joiner, Durigarth.
 Laurence, William, registrar, session-clerk, merchant, and
 lodging-house keeper, Boddam.
 Laurenson, James, shoemaker, Vatchley.
 Leslie, Robert, merchant, Scholland.
 James, mason, &c., Scholland.
 Thomas, ploughman, Culsetter.

- Mouat, Gavin, Baptist preacher, Spiggie.
 George, fish-curer, Scousburgh.
 James, mason, Clumly.
 Andrew, carpenter, Troswick.
 Manson, John, Free Church precentor, Culsetter.
 Francis, church elder, Greentoft.
 Maill, Laurence, church elder, Scatness.
 Sinclair, shoemaker, Exnaboe.
 Prophit, Rev. James, Parish minister, Skelberry.
 Ridland, John, merchant, Voe.
 Joseph, blacksmith, Cruely.
 Oliver, mason, &c., Lough.
 Andrew, shoemaker, Voe.
 Reid, Rev. James, Free Church minister, Quendale.
 Sinclair, James, rancelman, Outvoe.
 Shewan, William, carpenter, &c., Wosswick.
 John, carpenter, Dalesbrake.
 Laurence, Free Church elder, Goat.
 Smith, Francis, church officer, Clumly.
 Stewart, Free Church elder, Brow.
 Thomson, Rev. Sinclair, Baptist minister, Spiggie.
 Walters, David, principal light-house keeper, Sumburgh
 Head.
 Williamson, Laurence, tailor, Scousburgh.
 William, tailor, Scousburgh.

Places in the Delivery of Dunrossness.

Baccasetter.	Brina.	Clumly.
Barelin.	Brough.	Collapund.
Bigton	Brow.	Clurgord.
Blate.	Burnside.	Corstan.
Boddam.	Breto.	Couple.
Braemuir.	Clavel.	Cruely.
Brakes.	Clavigarth.	Culsetter.
Brake of Bigton.	Clifts.	Cunnygates.
Brake of Hillwell.	Cloddy Know.	Cure.

Dale.	Lunabester.	Scousburgh.
Dalesbrake.	Lusetter.	Simrigarth.
Dalsetter.	Manse.	Skelberry.
Durigarth.	Mavisbank.	Smyrdale.
East Shore.	Mewhouse.	Spiggie.
Exnaboe.	Maills.	Stoness.
Fleck.	Milligarth.	Stony Punds.
Garth.	Mill Pund.	Sumburgh.
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Goosetter.	Mires.	Sumburgh Head.
Gord.	Moore Cottage.	Symblesetter.
Got.	Morrigarth.	Setter.
Greentoft.	Muse.	Schoolhouse, Vatch- ley.
Gillie.	Newfoundland.	Schoolhouse, Big- ton.
Gorston.	Noss.	Toges.
Grind.	Northtown.	Tolob.
Grutness.	Outvoe.	Tonga.
Guzzletown.	Oxensta.	Troswick.
Guards (Scatness).	Park.	Troswickness.
Groups.	Punds of East Shore.	Tumbliwick.
Hellock.	Punds of Goo- setter.	Uprigord.
Hastingott.	Pearytown.	Vandlope.
Hillwell.	Quam.	Vaulie.
Hughsbrake.	Quendale.	Vatchley.
Hays.	Ramnabanks.	Vilge.
Hensbrake.	Refuge.	Virky.
Hardbrakes.	Reawick.	Voe.
Humphraytown.	Rulhole.	Vandyke Park.
Know.	Ringista.	Waterbrough.
London.	Royalhool.	Westing.
Lingarth.	Seatness.	Wiltrow.
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Longfield.		
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 George, boat-carpenter, Hosewick.
 Erick, boat-carpenter, Hosewick.
 Ewenson, Robert, wheelwright, Houlland.
 Gaudie, Robert, mason, Sandwick.
 Goudie, Walter, cooper, Hosewick.
 Jamieson, Laurence, grocer and cattle-dealer, Channerwick.
 William, grocer, Channerwick.
 Johnson, Barbara, grocer and fish-curer, Golgo.
 Catharine, grocer and fish-curer, Leebutton.
 Mouat, Thomas, merchant and fish-curer, Cullister.
 Malcomson, Thomas, mason, North Camperdown.
 Mouat, Jerome, grocer, Hosewick.
 Malcolm, weaver, Levenwick.
 James, rancelman, Cullister.
 McPherson, John, weaver, Levenwick.
 Nicolson, John, ploughman, Sandlodge.
 Russell, James, parish teacher, Sandwick.
 Ramsay, Thomas, grocer, &c., Scarpaness.
 James, fish-curer, &c., Moull.
 Smith, Alexander, grocer, Scarpaness.
 James, fish-curer, grocer, &c., Hill cottage.
 John, shoemaker, Sand.
 Nicol, joiner, Hosewick.
 Sinclair, Samuel, shoemaker, Hosewick.

Sinclair, Laurence, shoemaker, Setter.
 William, carpenter and wheelwright, Setter.
 Stove, Nicol, grocer, Sandwick.
 Tait, Alexander, grocer, Noness.
 William, shoemaker, Golgo.
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 Thomas, fish-curer and grocer, Sandwick.
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Burraland.	Grind (Sandwick).
Brown (Channerwick).	Grind (Channerwick).
Beddies (Levenwick).	Grunnyguts.
Camblawick (South).	Hosewick.
Camblawick (North).	Hosewick-Ness.
Canfield.	Hillside-cottage.
Channerwick.	Houlland.
Cruster.	Hogaland.
Chapelton.	Ireland.
Cottage (Sandy Brae).	Levenwick (North).
Currfield.	Levenwick (South).
Clay Potts (Marwick).	Lochside.
Camperdown (North).	Leegarath (Hosewick).
Camperdown (South).	Leebutton.
Cullister (West).	Lees.
Deepdale.	Linds.
East Cullister.	Lochend.
Ellister.	Longfield.
Egg.	Moors (North).
Ellastown.	Manse.
Fairyknowe.	Mousa (Isle)
Gaterlue.	Mull (North).
Golga.	Meawick.

Milltown.	Setter.
Mid-Town (Ellister).	Sandlodge.
Mull (South).	School (Parochial).
Moors (South).	Stobrigarth.
Murrister.	Songfield.
Nones.	Swinister.
Nether-Town (Levenwick).	Stove.
Pickigarth.	Stove Brake.
Park.	Sandfield (Sand).
Plenty.	Tribes.
Punds (Channerwick).	Vister (North).
Poverty.	Vister (South).
Quilvigarth.	Vatster.
Rumpa.	Whirligarth.
Sandwick.	Whirley.
Sotrigarth.	Wart.
Scarpaness.	Wilmster.
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Sandsair.	Yafield (Meawick).

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 Davidson, John, shoemaker, Vestanore.
 Gilbertson, Christopher, mason, Clifts.
 Christopher, Jun., quarryman, Clifts.
 Arthur, cooper, Clifts.
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Merchants,	21
Fish-curers,	18
Blacksmiths,	4
Masons,	10
Joiners,	5
Carpenters,	13
Weavers,	8
Tailors,	5
Shoemakers,	13

SPECIMENS OF THE VERNACULAR.

**Account of a Voyage to the Haaf, as given by
a Fisherman.**

From "Hibbert's Shetland."

Mony a fool day am I seen at da Haaf, but I tink itt Martin-a-bullianess day fern year wiz weel da warst een itt iver I saw. He wiz a bony mornin bit a grit lift i da sea an a hantle o brak. Sae I said to wir men, "Men, we hae a guid nebert o haddicks, he's bony waddir, an I tink we'll try da deep wattir." Sae we gat wir tows an cappistanes inta da boat, an aff we set, an we rowd oot apun him fil we sank aa da laigh laand, an dan we begude an laid fram, an whin we cuist wir ooter bow diel a stane o Shetland did we see bit da tap o Roonie's hill an da Pobies o Unst. Noo he begude ta groo frae da sud-est. Sae whin we wir sitten a while we tuik wir bow an begude ta hail, an feth afore we wir gotten in ae packie o tows, fower men could du nae mair as keep da tow at da kaib. We gat twa'rtree fish f'r-a'-dat, an at last siccan a grit weicht cam apo da line dat it tuik aa mi strent ta hail, an whin it cam ta da wale what wiz hit bit a grit dyvel o a skate! Sae I said to Tammy, "Dam hir, cut her awa! wha's gaein ta row anundir hir wi siccan a day?" Sae he tuik da skuin an sneyed da tome. An at last we gat in wir tows, an feth we wir gotten a braa puckle o fish. "Noo," says I, "lads, i Guid's name, fit da mast, an swift da sail! da est tide is rinnin an we'll sail wast an be-sooth apun him." Sae I guid i da staarn, an juist as we gae sail, he made a watter aff o da fore kaib, an whin he brook, he tuik Hackie aff o a da skair taft an laid him i da shot. Dan I cries to Gibbie, for Guid's sake ta strik da head oot o da drink-kig an owse da boat; da watter wiz up ta da fastie-baands, bit wi Guid's help we gat her tuimed afore anidder watter cam. Whin da est tide ran

aff, “noo,” says I, “lads, we’ll tak doon da sail an row in apun him.” So we did sae,—an whan da wast tide made, we gae sail again, an ran est apun him, an feth we lay apo Vaalafield in Unst, an sae we wirocht on rowin an sailin fil by Guid’s Providence we gat ashore aboot aught o’clock at nicht. O man, dat wiz a fool day !

Copy of a Letter in the Shetland Dialect.

Twa’rtree days sinsyne wir Jonie wirst me tree or fower lines wi Aandrew Hey itt wiz comin dis wy whidder or no, an sae he tuik hit wi him. He’z a fine sheeld dat Aandrew, guid luck sit i his face, an siccan a boordlie man as he’z growen tu, an wid be ower weel-faard gin hit wizna for yon busks o’ hair itt he hez apun his face. O dwyne yon fashion ! gin hit beezna da vyldest itt dey’re faan apun yit. I kenna what hit’s leck, bit am shuir hit’s no leck naethin kirssen ; sae nicht I get helt as I tink hit wid gluff da Fool-Tief himsel. What tinks du ? whin Aandrew cam in I wiz clean dumfoonderd. I kent him no for a certan time. I never gat siccan a gluff i my life, insepp ae nicht comin frae da Eela itt I met Tammy o Skae (saal be in glory !) abuin Trullia-watter, ridin apo Peter o Huindigart’s blessit horse wi a sheep-baest afore him ;—or dan anidder time itt I cam apo Jeemie Tamsin markin up wir pellit-ruill i da huimmin o da eenin, aboot twa bucht-lent abuin da kru-dek o Oxigil i da hill o Vaalafield ; bit hit wizna for him itt I wiz glufft, bit du kens I never hed nae gritt leckin for da hills at dat partiqualar time o’ nicht ; an whan I cam apun him he wiz staandin wi his feet paal’d fornent a brugg, an lockin da ruill aboot da craig, wi a bluidie knife atween his teeth, an da rumple o da staig wiz waadged up till a grit muckl odias white stane, sae itt da craeter hed nae pooster ta mov nedder da tae wy or da tidder mair as gin he hed been shorded intil a noost. An sae du sees, his face wiz ta me, an da nuckie o’ his kepp buir straacht ower da head o da staig,

an sae micht I du weel as I tuik it for a Trow, an my hert tuik a flochtin an a whiskin itt wiz oondummas; bit whan I cam atweest him an da licht, he linkit him up, an whan he saw me he quett da ruill, an aff he guid lèek da fool o da air. I'll ashuir dee, his feet wiz wirt twa pair o haands til him, for an I could a gotten a hadd apun him, ill luck sit i my haands an I sood na stoo'd his lugs, dat he sood 'a been kent for a tief aa da days o his life. An sae du sees, I gaings doon trow ta da staig, an he wiz dat dark dat I wid no a kent what hit wiz bit dere I fins twa suckalegs stiekit foo o white oo' apun a toog lyin benon a maeshie o hedder-kows itt he hed been fetchin hame ta soop da lums o Skerpa; an I fan da knife itt he wiz haddin itill his sheeks (a praitie splinder new jocktaleg oot o da chop o Bunes, itt he'd kooft da ook afore frae Lowrie Bartlesin for a pair o piltack waands itt he stuil oot anundir da boat o Hoolan apo da air o Widwick, da day itt he gied ta Hermanness wi da owsen o Skerpa); an I fan da tief's snuff-mill itt hed wrocht oot o his pocket whin he wiz striden fornent da ruill. Bit dis is no aa. Alto I gat nae menz apun him at dat meantime, I met him in a misty mornin f'r-a'-dat. I warn hit wiz a guid munt o days eftir dat, whin he wiz draain him weel up ta Johnsmas, itt I wiz comin hame frae Skaa, whaar I wiz rowin dat simmer, ae Setirday nicht, wi a buidie o ling-heads an pierie brismacks an bruck o dat kind apo my back, niver tinkin o naethin insep da uilie itt wiz rinnin oot o a liver-head i my buidie, an a air o soor blaand itt wiz laikin oot o a bottle itt I hed an rinnin doon apo da sma o my back wi a sweein an a yook it wiz undummas, for day wir a grit muckl scab richt anundir my buidie; an whan I cam up trow frae da Sant-cliff ti da toon o Norwick, I leuks behint me, an wha tinks du sees I bit Staigie eomin sloomin him up eftir me; an sae tinks I "brooie, du an I hez a craw ta pluck afore we sinder;" an whan I cam ta da yard o Digran, I lint me apo da yard dek ta tak in da baand o my buidie; an day wir a hail boat's-crew o Norwick men staandin anundir da stack lippenin a tuilyie atweest Meggie o Digran an Aanie Sudderlin itt wiz flytin wi a vilansie itt wiz oonspekable, caaz Aanie hed bund

her new kallowd coo apun a ley-rig o Meggie's, an Meggie hed britsh'd Aanie's spleet new hairin tedder sae smaa itt dey wir no a crum atild itt could a been a humliebaand till a whillie ; an I'll ashuir dee, du wid a gien a guid piece o gaitt afore du wid a fun twa better flyters—niver micht I sin gin I didna hear da galder o dair tongues as vively abuin da clifts as an I'd been apo da toonmils aside dem. An noo, du sees, as I wiz tellin dee, by comes Staigie wi a pair o heltirs in his haand ; he gies me da time o da day, an akses foo's aa wi me. "Braalie, braalie, Brooie," says I, "foo's aa wi dee sell? I warn du hez no a smell i die hoarn ;—yaa ! why hez du no?" "Na, dievl a coarn is been i my custody dis munt an mair, sin I tint mie mill ae day itt I wiz i da ebb strickin twa'rtree lempits ta so at da eela." I maks apo me ta tak oot my box oot o mie weskit poackit, an I says, "Weel dan, will du smell at my dirt?" an wi dat I taks oot his nain hoarn, an sniets my nose, an as shuin as he set his glowricks apun it da face o him lep up lek da coll, an I says til him, "Bridder, kens du dis snuff-mill?" "Na, 'no I lamb, foo sood I ken? na, guid ken o me as I ken no ; a praitie mill it is—whaar fell ye in wi'd?" "Whaar I fell in wi dis knife!" I intrappit him, an tuik oot da jocktaleg. "Maybe du kens na him nedderin? Yaa, du may stums du illvyndit tief itt du is ! du tocht naethin ta pit dy mark (his mark wiz da left lug getskird behint an da richt lug shuuld wi a hol) apo my staig. Noo, niver micht my haand help my body, afore du an I sinders, an I dunna pit wir mark apo dee?" (Wir mark wis baid da lugs aff, bit we hed anidder een forby dat), an wi dat sam I grips him bi da trapple, an what tinks du, Paetie, I wiz dat iltafoo at him, mair as certin I widna left da wratch da ormil o a lug, gin Duncan o Saand hedna come ahint me an clickit da skuinie oot o mi haand. Weel, I wiz resoald ta hae some menz apun him f'r-a'-dat, an whan I wiz gien him a guid trist i da craig, an twa'rtree sonsie knobbs aboot da shafts, we breekbaandit it, an I laandit him richt apo da keel o his back i da vennal itt ran oot anundir da kuddie-door o Aandrew o Digran's byrie, aside Donal o Muse's muckl fleckit gaat itt wiz kuillin him dair i da runnack, an

siccan a runnack ! I niver saw da lek. What wi da swine an da fock, an what ran oot frae da baess, an da goilgruve o da midden, du widna guidable seen a praittier concurrans frae Skaa ta Soombroch-head ; an day wir dat vyld a air wi'd whan he wiz onyting o a glud apun him itt wiz anioch ta sconfesh a dug. I rowd Staigie back an fore trow dis soss fil I tocht he wiz maistlie smoared, an ta tell dee da truith I sood a been shockit mesell, for nae modarit stamack cood stand siccan a stink ; an dan I whett him an guid mie wy. Noo, bridder, dis is noo da end o mie story, an I daar say du tinks hit's no afore da time. I'll ashuir dee I tink nae less mesell, bit du kens whan a body eens faas tu, dey niver ken richt whaar ta laiv aff, an sae fares wi me. Sae nicht I see a guid sicht apo da ting itt I wid lek ta see it apun, as whan I begood ta tell dee about Aandrew Hey's hairy face as I tocht nae mair o laandin dee i da runnack o Digran's byre, as William o Troal did o giaan ta Belmont atill his smucks ae nicht a voar, itt his wife baad him skuyt i da door gin da sholmit coo wiz come hame. Foorteen mile o gaitt wiz a braa stramp atween lights, as lang as da nappie wiz boilin, an bairlie sae lang—for da watter wiz gien on whan he gied da guyt o da door, an whan he cam hame Osla wiz linkin up da crook ta pit on da leyverin ; an alto he hed on a gray joop niver been i da watter, an a blue cot an weskit o da litt, an a pair o skroitte breeks itt wiz clampit fill dey wir no a treed o dem bit what wiz treeply,—an a odias floamie o barkit skin benon apo da boddam an baid da teugs o dem, an a sufficient pair o ribbit socks, an a smuck itt wiz wirt twa an a baabie, yea, tree stuirs as weel as it wiz wirt a doit, apo da tae fit, an a rivlin aff o new tarledder oot o Virss apo da tidder,—no foryattin itt his feet wiz oot o aa coors for gritness—(da fleeter itt Saxie skoomd his kettle wi whan he boild da fower-mastit ship wiz naethin ta dem)—Weel ! for aa dat claes itt wid a leepit a Sowdian aff o da banes, dwyne his body an a swet wiz lowsed apo him whan he cam till his nain, &c. &c.

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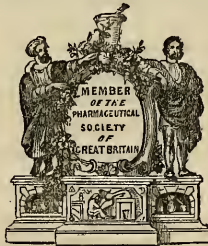
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